

45 Years' Mission Of
Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero

Chief Sangha Nayaka of Singapore (Shyamopali Vamsika Maha Nikaya) Malwatta chapter

And

35th Anniversary Of
Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre





Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero with the official Credential of the
Appointment of Chief Sangha Nayaka of Singapore
(Malwatta Chapter of Shyamopali vamsika Maha nikaya, Sri Lanka)

**FELICITATIONS FROM
VEN. GALBODA SIRI GNANISSARA
MAHA THERO**



Ven. Galboda Siri Gnanissara Maha Thero
Chief Incumbent - Gangarama Buddhist Temple

FELICITATIONS

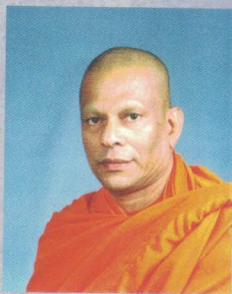
In a cordial message to mark the 45 Years' Mission of The Ven. Wergoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, I deem it quite essential to felicitate the author and fountain of it all – Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero. I feel privileged to offer my good wishes at this happy and historical occasion, especially because the founder of SBMC – **Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero is my brother in Sasana and my intimate colleague.**

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Ven. Galboda Siri Gnanissara Maha Thero
Chief Incumbent - Gangarama Buddhist Temple





Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero

Chief Prelate, Singapore

Chief Monk / Chief Administrator

The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, Singapore

Founder-Member:

American Sri Lanka Buddhist Vihara, New York

Founder-President / General Secretary,

Japan-Sri Lanka Buddhist Centre, Japan

Chief Incumbent Monk

Jayanthi Viharaya, Weragoda, Meetiyagoda, Sri Lanka

Founder/President

Kirinde Sri Dhammananda Senior Citizens' Home, Gonapola, Sri Lanka

Founder/Director

Sri Gunananda Computer School, Weragoda, Meetiyagoda, Sri Lanka

Academic Qualification: Bachelor of Arts, 1964

Honorary Titles:

"Sri Saddharma Visharada", conferred by the Malwatta Chapter of Sri Lanka, & appointed Chief Prelate, Singapore, in November, 2006

"Saddharma Kirthishree" conferred by Maha Bodhi Society of India (17th September 2013)

Authored Books:

Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada;
Life of the Buddha – In Pictures;
Nature of Life & Death" (illustrated version);
The Highest Blessing - Maha Mangala Sutta" (illustrated version);
The Only Path to Nibbana - Maha Satipatthana Sutta"
(illustrated version);
Parents and Children – Key to Happiness (in pictures);
The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived – The Supreme Buddha
(illustrated version);
The Life of the Buddha in Gandhara Arts;
The Great Book of Protective Blessings;
Morals of the Young (illustrated version);
The Buddhist Way of Meditation;
Tri-lingual Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada (CD ROM);
Buddhist Devotion (CD);
The Great Book of Protection (CD);
Teach Yourself Pali in English (CD ROM).

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OF THE SINGAPORE BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTRE

When I look back upon the 35-year history of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, the efforts I had to make, the struggles I had to wage and the challenges I had to confront, come rushing into my memory. The unfailing support and patronage I continued to receive from Ven. Dr. Kirinde Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero and the devoted and faithful assistance provided by the original coterie of members, were the steadying influences of the early days of the SBMC.

When I came over to Malaysia as a young and inexperienced monk, Ven. Dr. Kirinde Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero, Chief Prelate, Singapore – Malaysia, guided me with deep compassion towards the mission of spreading the Word of the Buddha. With the experience that I garnered and the zeal that I acquired, under the Ven. Nayaka Maha Thero, I came over to Singapore to establish a Buddhist Centre. Mr. Ee Fook Choy, Mr. Dennis Wang Khee Pong and a handful of utterly devoted supporters, took me under their protective wing and pioneered in the founding of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre. It is a great pleasure to be able to record, that many of the original members still participate in the activities of the SBMC. Initially, the SBMC found accommodation in the house of a dedicated devotee. We have travelled a long distance from those small beginnings.

In the beginning we were housed at Amber Road in the home of Mr. Ee Fook Choy. From there we went over to Prinsep Street of which the premises was kindly provided by the ardent devotee Mrs. Rose Weerekoon. Our next venue was Neo Pee Teck Lane, which was given to us by Mr. & Mrs. Wong Kwok Leong. We spent twelve long years at those premises. Under the benevolent patronage of Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Wang Khee Pong, we have had the good fortune of moving to the present premises, No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh. I was deeply touched by their benevolent gesture, since I could concentrate on my spiritual mission without



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero sponsored disabled children (1969)

worrying about such worldly matters as the need to move from place to place. Today, as the SBMC celebrates its 35th year – to put it modestly – it has burgeoned into an organization with a global reach.

In the initial phase of the evolution of the SBMC, its functions were limited to routine religious rites and rituals. The proper maturity of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, started with the launching of its publications programme.

At first, SBMC brought out a few books and pamphlets. Two of our initial works were “Reflection on Death” and “The Buddha Word”. Our first hardcover publication with illustrations in full colour was “Life of the Buddha – In Pictures”. Since this work received world-wide attention it had to be reprinted several times in English, Chinese, Sinhala, Japanese, Korean and recently Cambodian.

But the publishing activities of the SBMC started in earnest, as it was, in 1994. We at SBMC launched in that year an epoch-making book, creating publishing history in Singapore. This book titled “Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada” elicited over 2,000 telephone calls of enquiry in just one day.

by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero



The original Buddha statue of SBMC. This statue has adorned the premises of the SBMC at all the places it moved to, during its 25 years. This statue graces the present premises at No.1, Jalan Mas Puteh.

“Treasury of Truth- Illustrated Dhammapada”, a unique work in literature on Buddhism, is illustrated with 426 especially commissioned drawings.

This ushered in the new phase of major publications of the SBMC. The style of illustrating Buddhist works lavishly, has established itself as a characteristic of the outstanding publications of the SBMC. “Parents & Children – Key to Happiness”, “The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived – The Supreme Buddha”, “Nature of Life and Death”, “Maha Mangala Sutta – The Highest Blessing”, “Only Path to Nibbana – Maha Satipatthana Sutta”, “Light of Asia”, “Vision of the Buddha”, “Morals of the Young” are works of this genre.

These works proved a tremendous boom to readers at all levels and all age groups in Singapore and the world outside. Parents, teachers and social and religious leaders offered us praises, especially our books relating to the morals of the young ones.

Today, the SBMC has moved on to the field of electronic media, reflecting the global communications revolution. The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre has initiated a series of e-books.

The first in this series, is the e-book containing the audio-visual versions of “Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada” in three languages – English, Chinese and Sinhala. All three versions contain the chanting of the Stanzas in Pali. The e-books on “Nature of Life and Death” and the “Maha Mangala Sutta - The Highest Blessing” are already completed. Among future issues in this series will be the e-book on “Jataka Tales” (Birth Stories of the Buddha).

SBMC is currently diversified in its services to people. Its printing programme has resulted in the publication of more than 370 titles, which are largely distributed free. Over the years, the SBMC has introduced the temporary ordination tradition to Singapore. Discourses have been issued by the SBMC. Special religious services are held during Vesak, New Year and other significant occasions.

In the 35 years of its existence, the SBMC has established itself as an institution that ranks among the foremost groups and organizations dedicated to the spreading of the Word of the Buddha world-wide.

I hereby extend my grateful thanks and blessings to all those who assisted me, in this arduous journey of thirty-five eventful years. These well-wishers, supporters are too numerous to be referred to, individually. I salute them all at this historical occasion that marks a vivid and colourful chapter in the spiritual progress of our time.

With the ever-increasing support of devotees, SBMC looks forward to a future marked by greater and wider service to mankind.

Metta Cittena

Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero
Founder/Chief Monk/Chief Administrator

SBMC PRESIDENT MESSAGE

President, The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre



Another milestone has been reached in the illustrious career of our Chief Incumbent, Venerable Weragoda Sarada Maha Nayaka Thero in the latest Multi-Events Celebration which marks a significant almost 45 years active role in his missionary work in his homeland, Sri Lanka, Malaysia, Japan, United States and Singapore. It is almost 35 years since his arrival in Singapore and it is in Singapore that the Venerable launched his first book, “Life of The Buddha in Pictures”. A team of imminent artists were recruited and brought to Singapore and under his personal guidance accomplished a fabulous feat of illustrating in full colour, the first of its kind ever. The publication which was distributed complimentary turned out to be of great demand, especially amongst the younger Buddhists in Singapore, Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

He was very encouraged and soon “Parents and Children - Key To Happiness”, similarly illustrated, was published with the support of the Ministry of Community Development, in conjunction with the United Nation’s Year of the Children. With all these successes, the Venerable embarked on his most ambitious publication, the Internationally acclaimed Classic “Treasury Of Truth - The Illustrated Dhammapada” comprising of 423 full stanzas of The Buddha’s Teachings with commentary. This colossal book first published in 1994 weighs 4 kilogram established the Venerable as a leading International publisher of Buddhist Literature. To date he has published well over 370 book titles, out of which he has personally authored books with a world-wide circulation of over one million copies for free distribution. Amongst the more important publications are “The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived - The Supreme Buddha”, “The Nature Of Life & Death”, “Morals Of The Young”, “The Highest Blessings - Maha Mangala Sutta”, “The Only Way To Nibbana - Maha Sati Patthana Sutta”, and many others. Some of these works are being used in the teaching of Buddhism in the Universities.

In the later years, due to the high emand, his publication programme had to be converted from printed books into electronic media fields. E-books which were a lot more economical were made into CDs which ensured the coverage of more religious matters. One of the most popular e-books was the tri-lingual “Treasury Of Truth - The Illustrated Dhammapada” which was printed in English, Mandarin and Sinhala, is today much sought after as it is a replica of the original publication which features recitals, commentary and Pali.

In recognition of the pinnacle of his missionary work, His Excellency Mahinda Prakase, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka will host and launch the Sinhala Version of “The Treasury Of Truth - The Illustrated Dhammapada” at Temple Trees (Presidential Residence) on the 4th December, 2013. This is a great opportunity to attend such an auspicious ceremony in which 250 monks will be in attendance and each be receiving dana for the occasion.

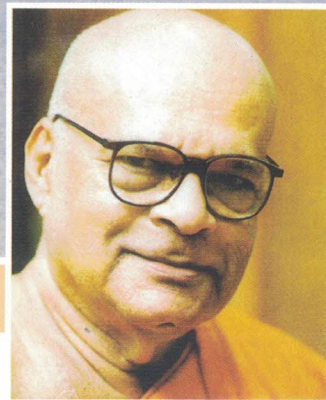
I would like to take this opportunity to extend my good wishes to Ven. Sarada Maha Thero for contributing towards SBMC and the world literature on Buddhism. I wish him long-life and ever increasing strength and health to serve the cause of spreading the word of Budhha.

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Koh Beng Tee
President
The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre

FELICITATIONS FROM VEN. DR. KIRINDE SRI DHAMMANANADA NAYAKA MAHA THERO

Chief Prelate Singapore, Malaysia



A span of twenty-five years in the life of a great organization is, without any doubt, a considerably significant period of time. It is specifically so, when those years have been utilized for the achievement of objectives, purposes, aims and goals that have made a substantial contribution towards the well-being of mankind.

When viewed in this perspective, the twenty-five years of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre stand out as an epoch, during which higher values of spirituality and human life have been continuously enhanced. The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, that celebrates its twenty-five years of high and unparalleled service to Buddhist thought and the upliftment of moral values, records a steady growth that had to be won by overcoming obstacles and confronting daunting challenges.

I find myself in the especially privileged position of being able to survey the progress of the SBMC over those long years, as I occupy a particularly strategic vantage point in relation to the SBMC.

Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, whose unique leadership acumen, provides the driving dynamism, for the sustained success of the SBMC, began his dedicated mission, under extremely trying circumstances. I had the good fortune to meet and befriend this pioneering monk when he was still in his youthful years.

From those early days on, Ven. Sarada was moved by a deep desire and a keen urge to spread the Word of the Buddha world-wide, as his life's mission.

When he came over to Singapore from Malaysia, conducting the activities of the SBMC was nothing less than a strenuous uphill task. But he was equal to it all. At all stages of the progress of the SBMC, I was associated with his landmark activities.

In the course of those twenty-five years, SBMC has acquired an unassailable status as an organization of world-class in the field of Buddhist publications. His magnum opus "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" English translation of Dhammapada, will always remain a star among books on Buddhist themes. SBMC possesses the capacity to exert mastery over new techniques and technologies of communication. Reflecting this, SBMC has turned its concerned attention to the electronic medium.

The range of religious and social activities of the SBMC has continued to expand with the passage of time.

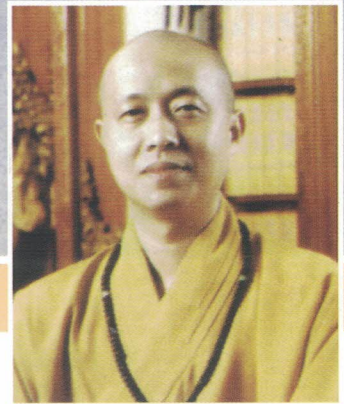
As The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre celebrates its 25th year, I am fully convinced that its indefatigable helmsman - Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, will continue to discover and explore new horizons, for the benefit and the well-being of mankind.

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Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero
Chief Prelate, Singapore & Malaysia

VEN. SHI FA ZHAO, PBM MAHA SADDHAMMAJOTIKADHAJA CHAOKUN PGRA VITHETHAMANUSITH

Abbot of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple and
Buddha Tooth Relic Temple (Singapore)



I am very happy and delighted that Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero has launched yet another electronic book of the Buddha Dhamma, “Nature of Life & Death” and “Maha Mangala Sutta – The Highest Blessing”. This seems like a natural follow-up to his previous e-book that was launched in early 2004, which was, incidentally, received with resounding success.

In my most humble support for Ven. Sarada’s selfless projects, it is my hope that other members of the Sangha in the monastic community of Singapore support his works too. Ven. Sarada’s unrelenting effort serves to inspire us in keeping up with the most modern times in spreading the Buddha Dhamma.

At this juncture, I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre in its Silver Jubilee Celebrations. The Centre’s presence has provided that very much needed beacon of guiding light to propagate the Buddha Dhamma in the most outreaching and entertaining ways – books.

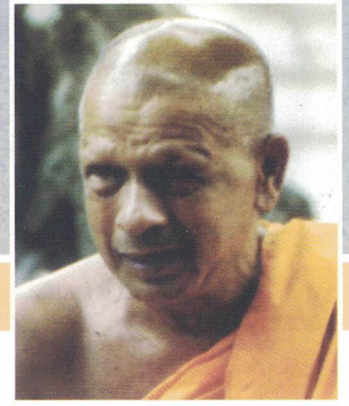
It is also most auspicious for me to wish Ven. Sarada a very Happy Birthday during this significant milestone of both the life of the Centre and that of Ven. Sarada. Many happy returns, and may the Buddha bless you all the time!

May all be well and happy and have the peace of mind.

Ven. Shi Fa Zhao, PBM
Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja
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Abbot of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple and
Buddha Tooth Relic Temple (Singapore)

FELICITATIONS FROM VEN. GALBODA SIRI GNANISSARA MAHA THERO

Chief Incumbent - Gangaramaya



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I have always admired his strong will and unflagging determination to achieve the goals he sets out to attain. He has been able to transform SBMC from its modest beginnings into a formidable global presence, largely because of his personality trait of facing challenges undaunted.

Today, SBMC he founded is synonymous with publications – both print and electronic – of supremely high quality. In these 25 years he has reached the status of an international missionary monk, with the support of his dedicated devotees and well-wishers.

May the Blessings of the Triple Gem ensure that the SBMC Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero will scale higher peaks of service to the Dispensation of the Supremely Enlightened Buddha.

Metta Cittena

Ven. Galboda Siri Gnanissara Maha Thero

Chief Incumbent - Gangaramaya

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CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FOR THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SINGAPORE BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTRE

On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, the leading Buddhist temple in Singapore, it is a great pleasure for me to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations. Buddhism is the teachings of wisdom and compassion by which all phenomena in this world have been resolved. Buddhism is a religion that can save all sentient beings and that embraces all human activities including politics, economy, science, culture, and so forth. In other words, it elucidates the truth. The practices of Buddhism surely lead to true peace and serenity for humanity.

Therefore, we Buddhists must revert to the original Teachings of Lord Buddha, remove barriers among Theravada, Mahayana, and Vajrayana Buddhism, join hands together, and accomplish our mission to propagate Buddhism, the supreme wisdom, to the world.

The world today is in chaos and disorder, constantly suffering from war and terrorism. Now, more than ever, the world needs Buddhism that is the true religion for peace, which expounds non-violence, mutual understanding, kindness, and harmony. In the 21st century in this new millennium, humankind must make every endeavour for true peace and prosperity.

The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre is a prestigious Buddhist temple in Singapore that is the multi-racial and multi-cultural country. The Centre has immensely contributed to the propagation of Buddhism through various publications on Buddhism and worked hard for peace and tranquillity for all sentient beings.

We sincerely hope that The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre will continue to disseminate Lord Buddha's Teachings of wisdom and compassion in order to establish the society filled with peace and happiness in Singapore and the world.

Yours in the Dhamma,

Most Ven. Dr. Kyuse Enshinjoh
President of The Buddhist Summit (WBC)
Founder Priest of Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan

(This article was extracted from "The 25th anniversary of SBMC 1979-2004")

MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER OF SRI LANKA

Prime Minister of Sri Lanka



MESSAGE

I am greatly privileged to be able to send a message of goodwill and best wishes on the occasion of the 25th Anniversary (Silver Jubilee) of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre located at No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh, Singapore. I have had very encouraging information and news of the live wire behind this Centre, Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, who is also the Founder, the Chief Monk and the Chief Administrator of the Centre.

The Centre has performed not only a unique service for the cause of Buddhism worldwide, it has also done a tremendous amount of work to propagate Buddhism, particularly in Singapore. In a country where the life of people seems hectic and stressful, this Centre has been able to bring about a very conducive environment to seek tranquillity and peace of mind.

I have also had the good fortune to see the excellent publications that this Centre has brought out, allowing people in all walks of life, to understand in a very simple way the complexity of Buddhist thought. Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero has done a yeoman service to make this Centre useful to the society.

I am particularly pleased to wish this Centre, long years of fruitful work. I also take this opportunity to wish the Founder, the Chief Monk and the Chief Administrator of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre, Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero many more years of service to mankind.



Mahinda Rajapaksa
Prime Minister

HIS EXCELLENCY THE HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR SRI LANKA IN SINGAPORE

High Commissioner for Sri Lanka



MESSAGE

Since my arrival in Singapore in January 2003, I have visited several places of Buddhist worship in the country. Almost all of them are traditional temples patronized by the followers of this great religion. However, on a visit to The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre some time ago, I realized that this institution is quite different to the others. The Centre essentially deals with the publication of Buddhist books in different languages. The sole purpose of this effort is the spreading of the message of Lord Buddha to those who do not have the benefit of directly learning this religion at temples or other institutions. To this end Ven. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, the Founder and Chief Monk of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre and others associated with him are doing a tremendous task here in Singapore. Ven. Sarada has explained to me that while acknowledging the importance of visiting temples and other places of Buddhist worship, it is equally important to learn the Dhamma by reading books at the same time. The Centre has been in existence for 25 years and I wish it all success in its future endeavours.

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Ajit Jayaratne
High Commissioner for Sri Lanka

Royal Thai Embassy

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Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand

MESSAGE FROM THE AMBASSADOR

I would like to take this opportunity to convey my heartfelt congratulation on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre. Through the years, The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre has become a leading light in the dissemination of the Word of the Lord Buddha, considered as the most valuable contribution to the Buddhist communities around the world.

The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre has rendered a distinctive service, particularly in an attempt to promote Buddhism in time of drastic societal changes. Such impressive attempt is portrayed through a series of publications concerning various aspects of Buddhism. Some were composed with representation of beautiful drawings and pictures – a spiritual message aimed at reaching out to younger Buddhists.

The felicitation of the 25th anniversary of the Centre on 27 November 2004 also brings double joy for the devout Buddhists here and around the world. The day also celebrates the birthday of Venerable Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, founder of The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre and a well-renowned Buddhist scholar. I therefore wish him a very joyous birthday.

Once the ambassador to Colombo (1998-2000), I have remained a close friendship with those in Sri Lanka, be they Buddhist monks or those outside the monastery. My special bond with Sri Lanka is something I have always cherished. I truly admire Sri Lankan monks who, with their vision and strong determination, have worked indefatigably in the spreading of the Buddha's Teachings across boundary and all the hurdles. Venerable Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero is one of Sri Lankan monks for whom I have a high regard.

I ascertain that The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre will continue to be a torch enlightening the path of Buddhism. May the Triple Gem bless Venerable Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre for many prosperous years to come.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Thakur Phanit".

(Thakur Phanit)

Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand

SBMC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ms. Ann Lee



My association with The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre grew significantly upon witnessing my husband's dedication, devotion and commitment to the Centre as a pioneering member of this Institution. This inspired my activities and participation and I became more active.

I was introduced to "Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero", as the man behind SBMC, and the personality that ensured the evolution of this institution from very modest beginnings, into a globe-girdling organization. Undaunted, he is always ready to confront any challenge, with courage and impressive leadership qualities. My devotion is further enhanced by this exemplary character.

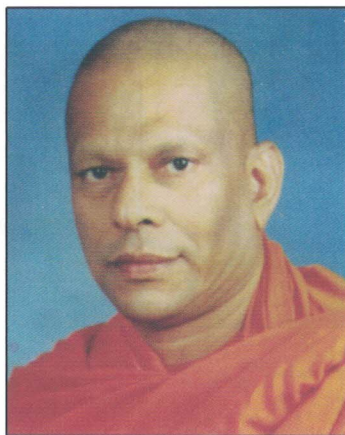
Today, SBMC is a hub of multifarious activities ranging from the administration of rites and rituals to the production of publications both in print and electronic media for the benefit of the totality of mankind. Under the care and guidance of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, with hundreds of full-time personnel, SBMC has been able to register a whole series of records in the spiritual history of Singapore. "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" is perhaps the work that elicited the highest number of telephone responses. This phenomenal publication success was even chronicled in The Straits Times.

In sum, the twenty-five years of SBMC formed a marvellous chapter in the annals of Buddhism in Singapore. Our inescapable responsibility is to continue this achievement while endeavouring to carry forth the name of "The Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre" to greater heights in many years to come.

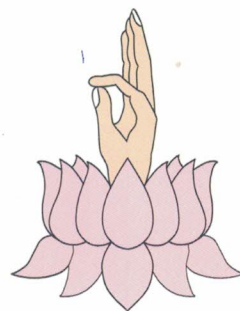
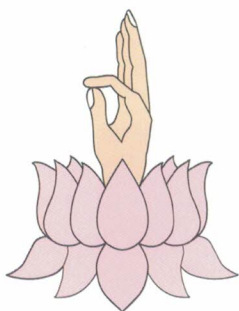
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THE SINGAPORE BUDDHIST MEDITATION CENTRE



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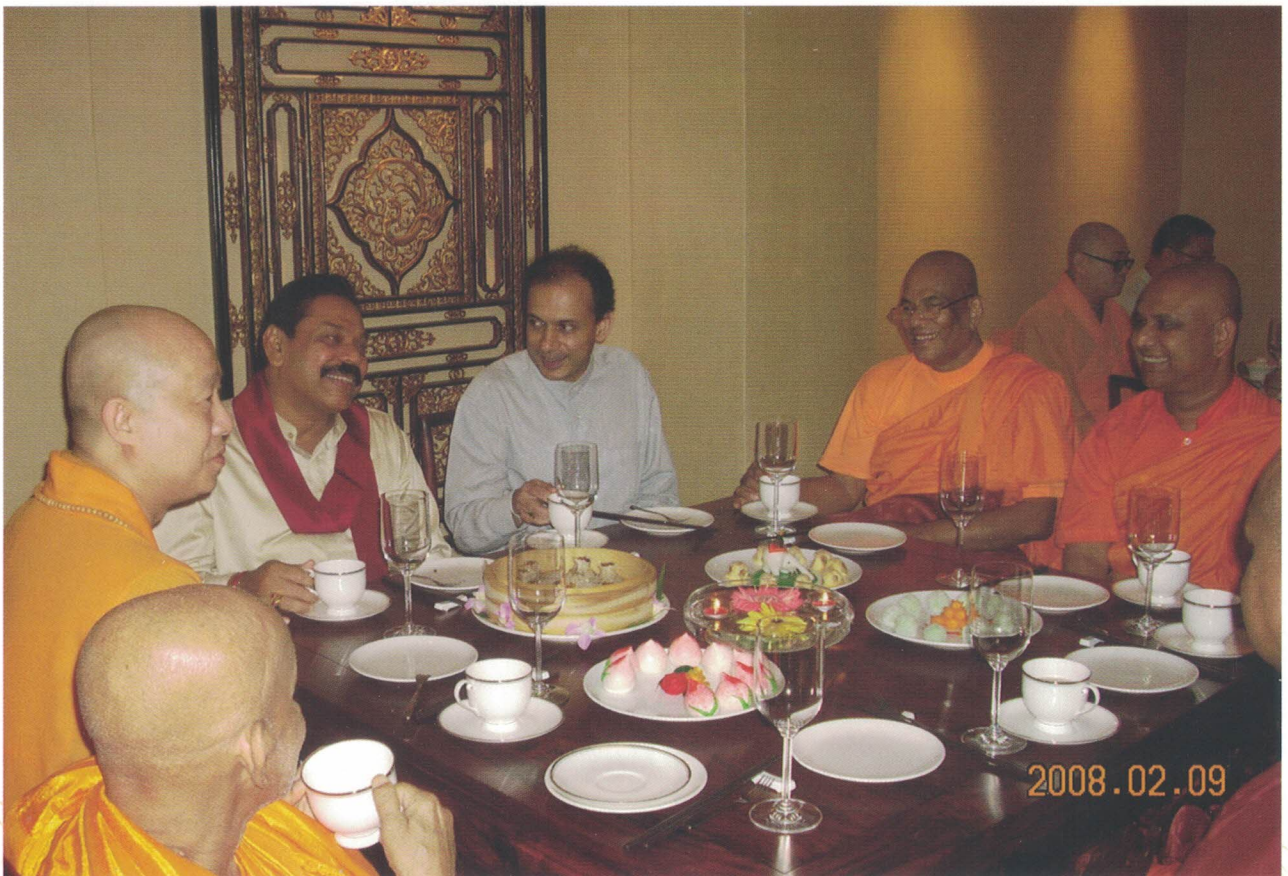
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His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka WITH SRI LANKA PRESIDENT



His Excellency, the president admiring the publications of Ven. Sarada at the Temple Trees (Presidential Palace)



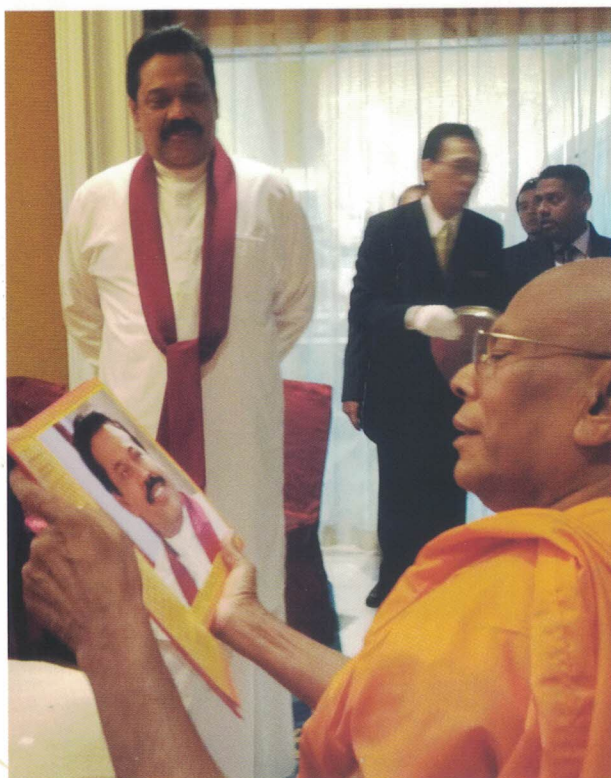
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H.E. the President is received by Ven. Shi Fa Zhao (PBM), the abbot of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple during His Excellency's visit to the temple. Together at the event are the Supreme Patriarch of Asgiriya Chapter of the Siamasee Sect of Sri Lanka, Ven. Sarada and other ven. monks

His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa, The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka WITH SRI LANKA PRESIDENT



The Souvenir marking the 25th Anniversary of the SBMC was presented to H.E. Mahinda Rajapaksa, President, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presents his book "The Life of the Buddha in Pictures" to HE Mahinda Rajapaksha, President, Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, during His Excellency's visit to Singapore



His Excellency Mahinda Rajapaksa,
The President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka
WITH SRI LANKA PRESIDENT



Mr Ng Wu Hin , the sponsor of "Life of the Buddha" presenting the book to His Excellency, the President



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presents his contribution to the "Api Wenuwen Api" fund to Mr. Gotabhaya Rajapaksa, Secretary, Ministry of Defence

THE WORLD BUDDHIST SUMMIT



Delegates from 32 countries in the opening ceremony of the 5th World Buddhist Summit



Most Ven. Dr Kyuse Enshinjo, President of The Buddhist Summit (WBC)

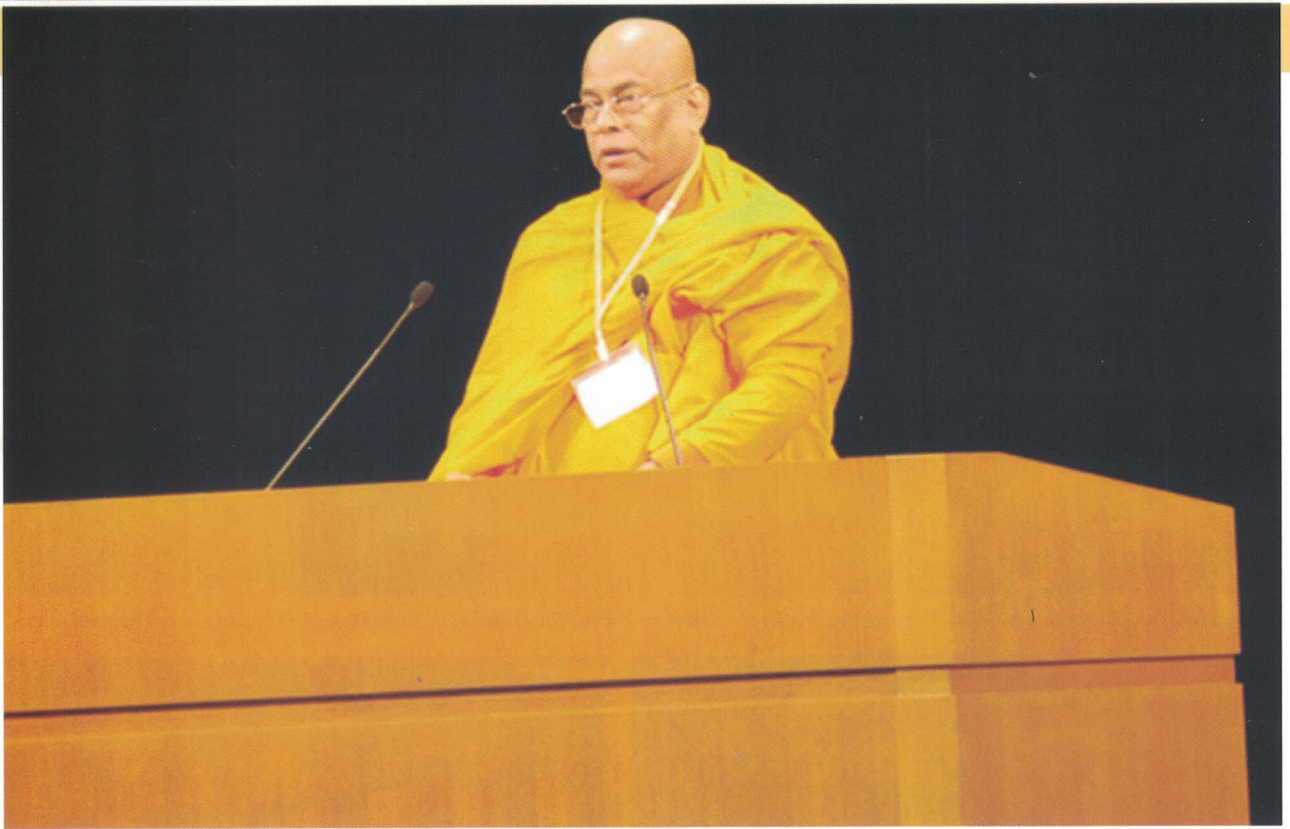


Presentation of the book "What Buddhists Believe" published by SBMC to the Mongolian delegate



Presentation of the book "What Buddhists Believe" published by SBMC to the Korean delegate

THE WORLD BUDDHIST SUMMIT



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero at the podium addressing the 5th World Buddhist Summit Conference

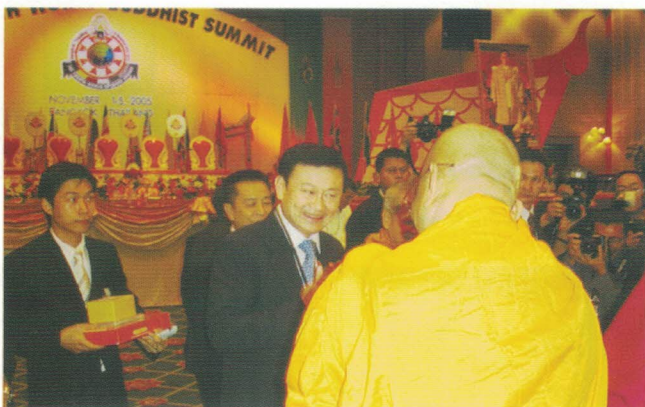


Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero plants a tree to mark the 5th World Buddhist Summit Conference

FOURTH WORLD BUDDHIST SUMMIT IN THAILAND



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero participated in the Fourth World Buddhist Summit in Thailand, leading the delegation from Singapore



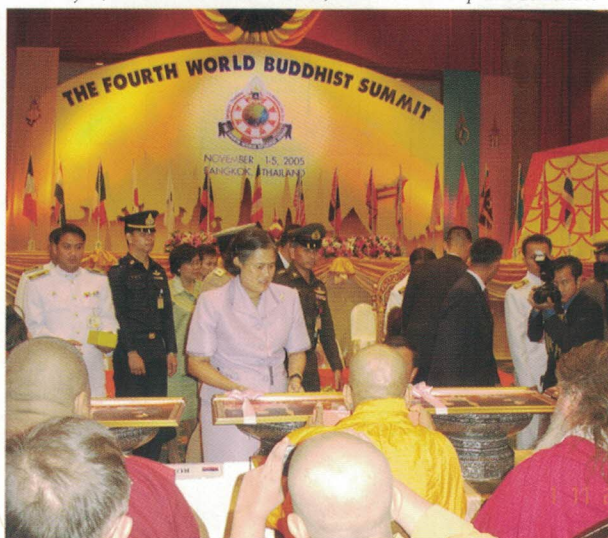
Meeting the Prime Minister of Thailand Hon. Thaksin Shinawatra



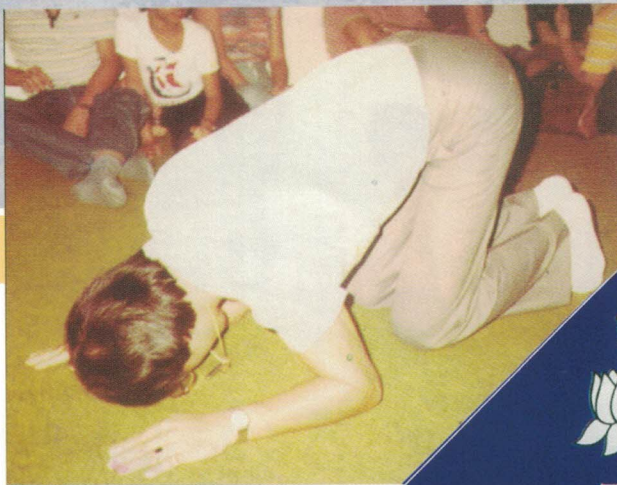
Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero being received by the Most Ven. Dr. Kyuse Enshinjo, President of Buddhist Summit, World Buddhist Supreme Conference



At the World Buddhist Summit in Thailand



At the World Buddhist Summit in Thailand, Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero met Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand

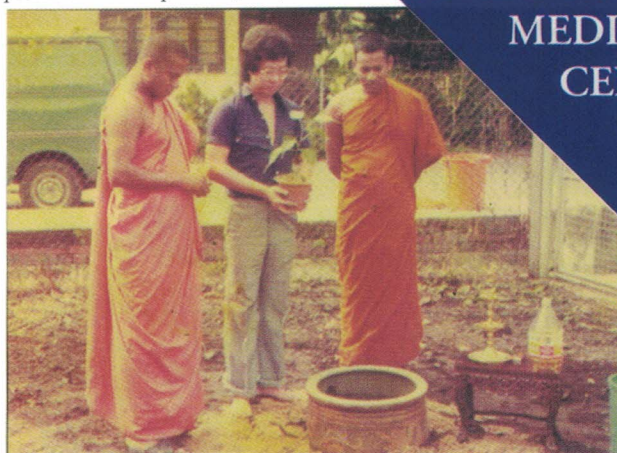


Mr. Dennis Wang Khee Pong, Founder-President, worships the Buddha at SBMC premises in Prinsep Street (1979).



A group of lay devotees, with reverend monks, at Prinsep Street (1979).

**THE
SINGAPORE BUDDHIST
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The planting of the Bo Sapling at Neo Pee Teck Lane (1982).



Hon. B. Wijetunge, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, visiting SBMC.



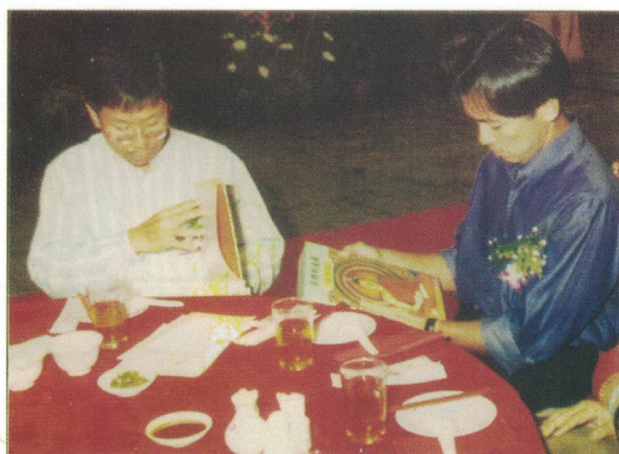
Religious ceremony at Neo Pee Teck Lane.



Group chant at Neo Pee Teck Lane.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and Rev. Sunanda at SBMC premises, No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh, Singapore.



Mr. William Chua and Mr. Peter Teo at the launch of the Chinese "Treasury of Truth - Illustrated Dhammapada".



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and Rev. Sunanda with the SBMC editorial staff (Mr. Piyyaratna Hewabattage, Mr. Edwin Ariyadasa and Mr. P. Wickramanayaka) at No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh, Singapore



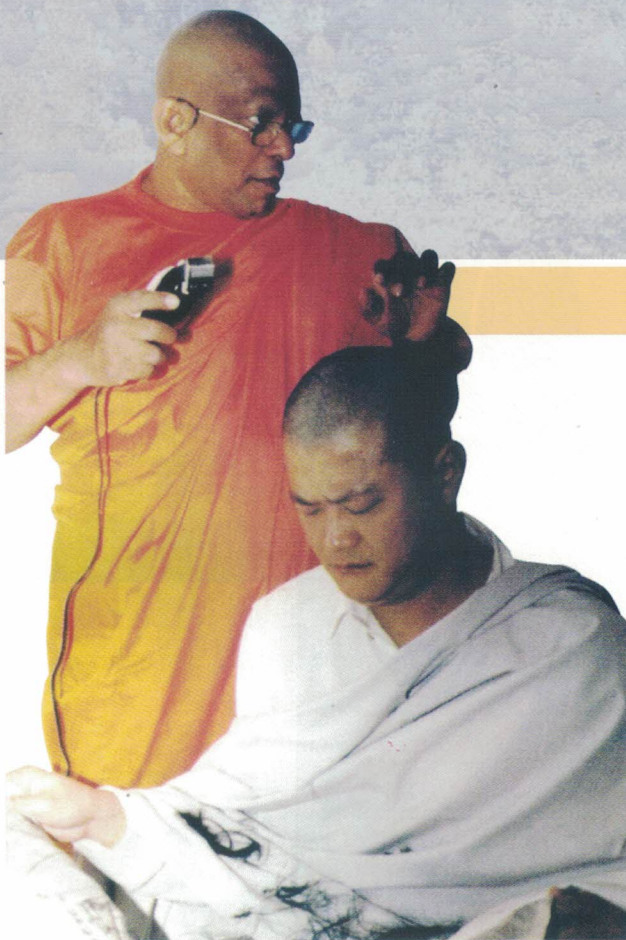
Devotees from Singapore at the site of
K. Sri Dhammananda Seniors Citizens' Home,
Sri Lanka.



With President J. R. Jayawardana
in Japan, at the opening of the
First Theravada Temple associ-
ated with Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka
Maha Thero, Founder-President.



Visiting Japan Buddhist Summit,
Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha
Thero, Ven. G. Gnanissara Maha
Thero, Ven. K. Assaji, with Ven.
Dr. Kyuse Enshinjoh, President
of Buddhist Summit.



SBMC devotee Mr. Nanda Tan, being readied for temporary ordination at Buddha Gaya, India.



Rev. Ananda (Mr. Arthur Chua) who received temporary ordination, visiting Sri Lanka, on a holy tour.



Ven. Yatalamatte Sri Vajirananda Nayaka Maha Thero, at Jayanti Vihara, Sri Lanka, with visiting SBMC devotees.



Singapore lay devotees receiving temporary ordination in India.



SBMC devotees from Singapore, distributing gifts to children in Sri Lanka.



Former President Mr. R. Premadasa receiving a delegation from SBMC. Among them are Mr. Dennis Wang Khee Pong and Mr. Ee Fook Choy.



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero distributing gifts to children in Sri Lanka.



Mdm. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, former President of Sri Lanka, peruses "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada".



Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, and the world's first woman Prime Minister, is being presented a copy of the "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



SBMC BOOK - LAUNCHES



Mr. Ho Kah Leong ceremonially launches "Light of Asia", an SBMC publication (1996).

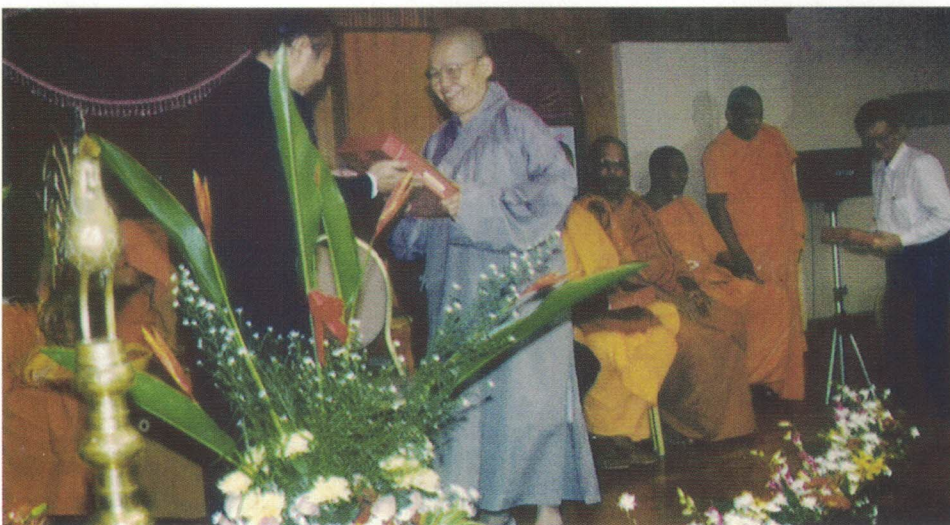
TREASURY OF TRUTH - ILLUSTRATED DHAMMAPADA SENIOR PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF THE



Mr. Ee Fook Choy, President of SBMC, at the launching of "Treasury of Truth - Illustrated Dhammapada" (1994).



Ven. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presents a copy of "Treasury of Truth - Illustrated Dhammapada" to a reverend monk, at the launch (1994).



At the launch of the "Treasury of Truth - Illustrated Dhammapada" (1994).

Presentation of "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" to a participant at the launch (1994).



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero at the book-launch (1994).



Mr. Ho Kah Leong presents award to Editor-in-Chief SBMC, Mr. Edwin Ariyadasa (1996)

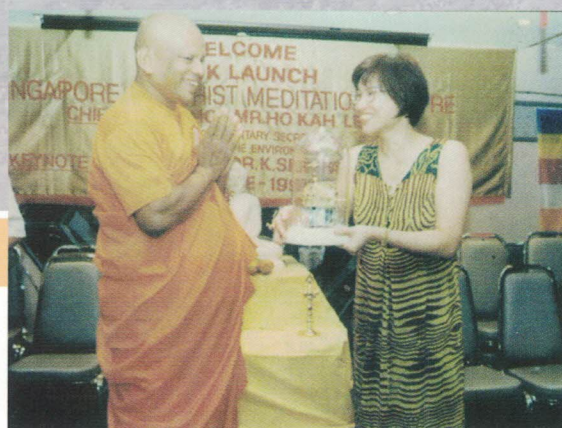


Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presents a token of appreciation to Mr. Ho Kah Leong (1996).





Mr. Ho Kah Leong launches "Vision of the Buddha" (1996).



Ms. Ann Lee at book launch, receiving a gift from Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



Madam Chitrangani Vakista, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka, receives a copy of book sponsored by Ms. Tan Jiak Koon Janet.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero discusses book launch with Ms. Ann Lee.



Mr. Ho Kah Leong presents a token of appreciation to artist Mr. P. Wickramanayaka.



Mr. Ho Kah Leong presents a token of appreciation to graphics expert Mr. Piyaratna Hewabattage.



Multiple book-launches by SBMC, at Suntec City, Singapore.



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presents a copy of the book "Parents and Children - Key to Happiness" to a devotee.



The late Ven. Sek Fatt Kuan receives a copy of "Life of the Buddha - In Pictures", an SBMC publication, from Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.

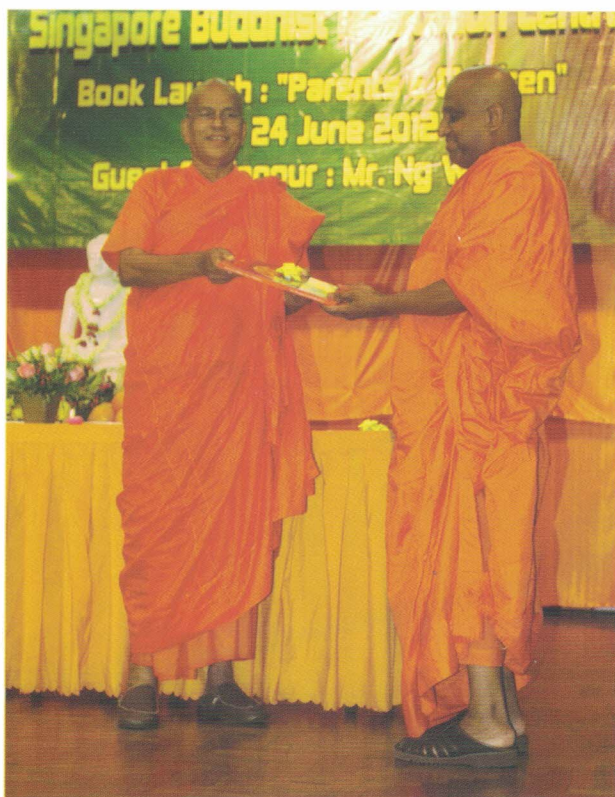
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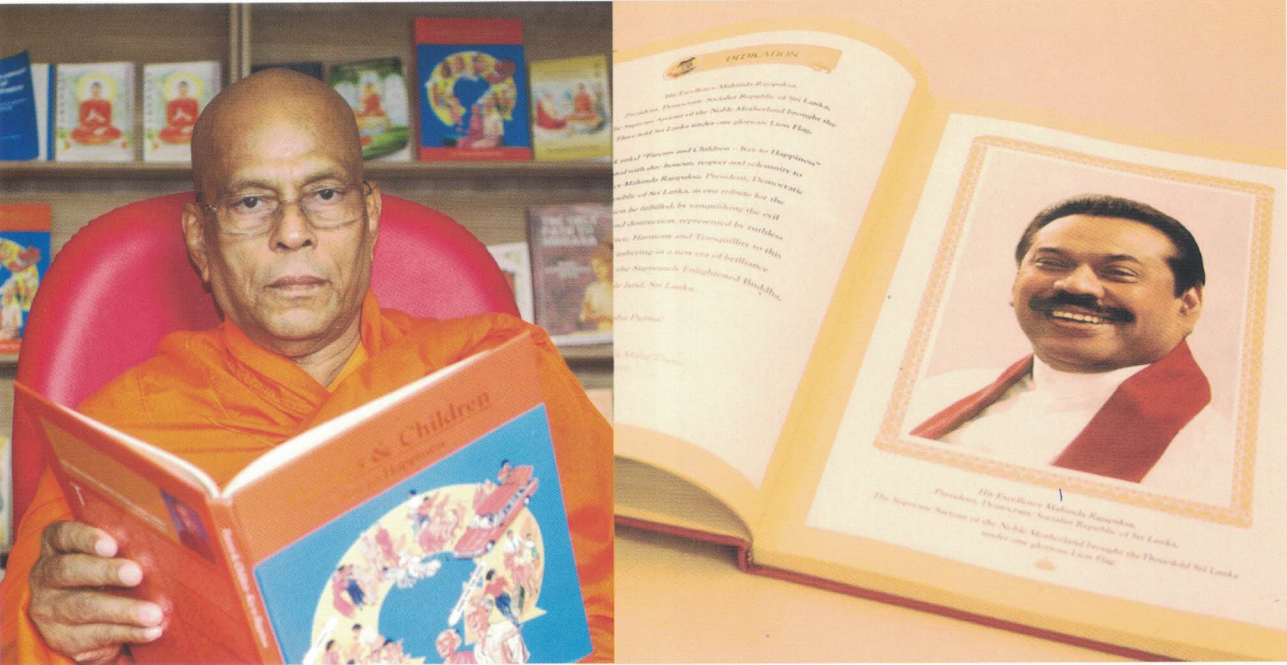
Launching of the Chinese version of Dhammapada by the guest-of-honour, Mr Ho Kah Leong and Ven. Sarada



SBMC BOOK - LAUNCHES



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Book-launching dinner

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MC- Miss Wee Mei Si with her friend

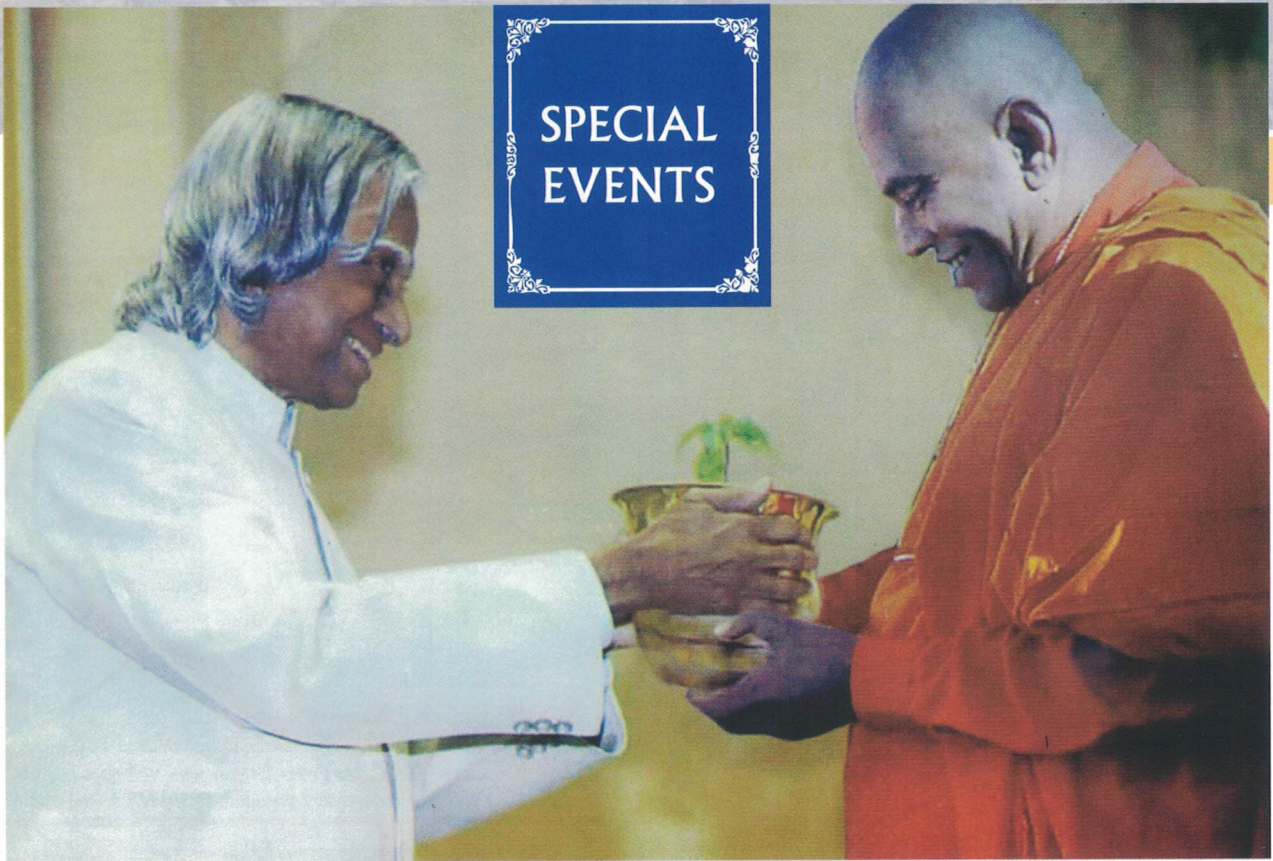


Founder of SBMC, Mr Ee Fook Choy with Ven. Sarada and Mr Koh Beng Tee (present president of SBMC)

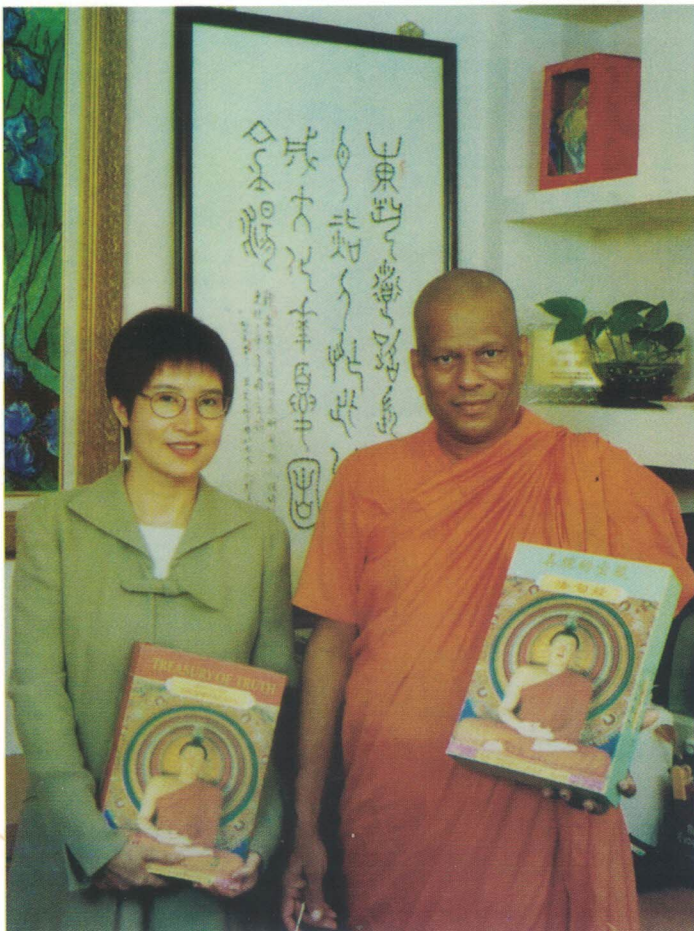


Book-launching dinner

SPECIAL EVENTS



H.E. Abdul Kalam, President, India, presents a sapling of the sacred Bodhi Tree, to Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, at the Buddhist Conclave held in India, February, 2004.



H.E. Abdul Kalam, President, India, meets SBMC devotees at Rashtrapathi Bhavan. February, 2004.

Ven. W. Sarada Maha Thero, presented "Treasury of Truth-Illustrated Dhammapada" to the former President of SBMC, Ms. Ann Lee.



Giving blessings to the newly wed



Admiring the calligraphy works of the late Most Venerable Song Nian, who donated 6 most valuable calligraphies in sponsor of the publication of the Chinese version of Dhammapada



SBMC PRESENTATIONS

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Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presenting SBMC publications to libraries in India, during a holy tour of India.

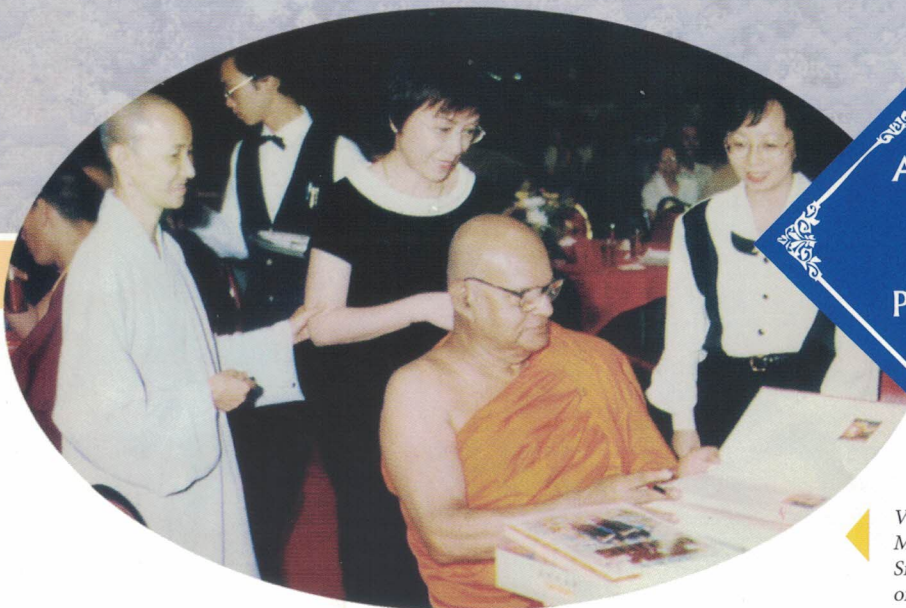


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Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presenting SBMC publications to Army Chief Gen. Daluwatta. Mr. Bertie Premalal, Minister of Social Services (right) participated in this ceremony.

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Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presenting SBMC publications to Mrs. Sirimavo Bandaranaike of Sri Lanka, the first woman Prime Minister of the world.

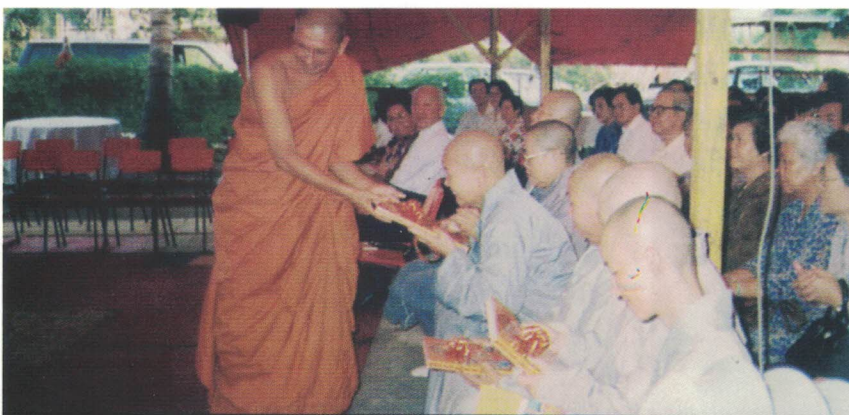
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Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presenting SBMC publications to Mr. Peter Burly, the US Ambassador in Sri Lanka. Members of the SBMC editorial staff participated in this event.



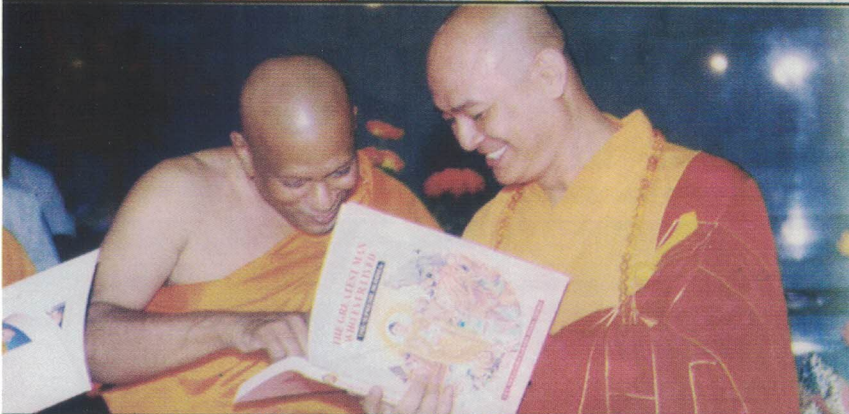


APPRECIATION OF SBMC PUBLICATIONS

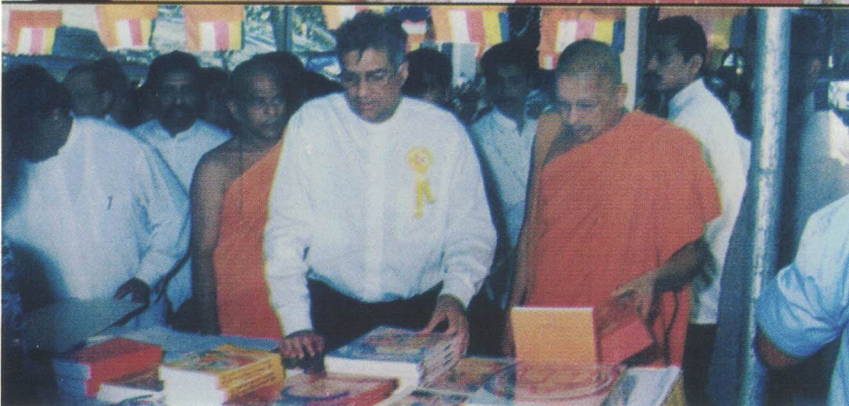
Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero, Chief Prelate, Malaysia & Singapore, admiring the Chinese version of "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" at its ceremonial launch. Ven. Sek Tuan Jing, from Pu Ti Buddhist Temple, participated in the ceremony.



Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Maha Thero of Sri Lanka presenting copies of the book "Life of the Buddha" at the launch of that publication at SBMC premises at Neo Pee Teck Lane.



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and Ven. Seck Kwan Sheng, Abbot of Phor Kark See Temple, admiring the publication "The Greatest Man Who Ever Lived – The Supreme Buddha" at its launch. This book was launched to mark the Exposition of the Sacred Relics at Phor Kark See Temple.



Mr. Ranil Wickramasingha, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, in deep appreciation of the publications of the SBMC.



Group of devotees obtaining the autograph of Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, at SBMC book-launch.



Members of the Buddhist clergy (Maha Sangha) receiving SBMC publications.



Devotees visiting SBMC book exhibition.



Visiting group of Japanese devotees at SBMC premises acquiring publications.

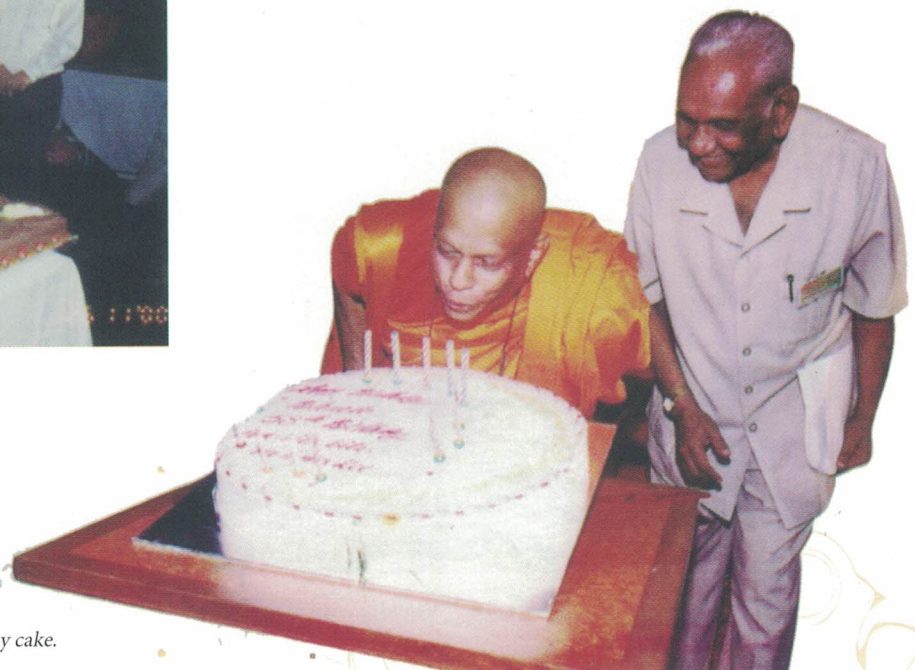


SBMC ACTIVITIES

Shrine room at No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh, Singapore.



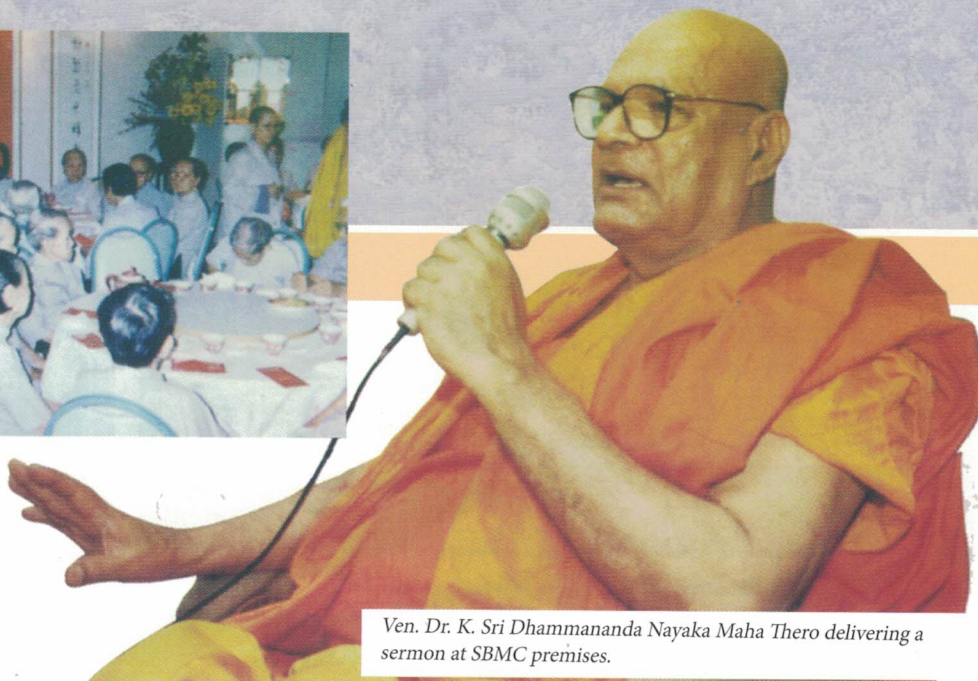
At Tai Pei Old People's Home. Group of SBMC devotees visiting senior citizens on the occasion of the birthday celebration of Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero with the birthday cake.



Dinner to senior citizens on the occasion of the birthday celebration of Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero delivering a sermon at SBMC premises.



Two young children receiving robes from Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, prior to their temporary ordination.



A child offering robes to Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



The annual Robe-Offering ceremony is a very important holy event at SBMC.



Devotee William Chua Geok Eng offering a gift to Ven. W. Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



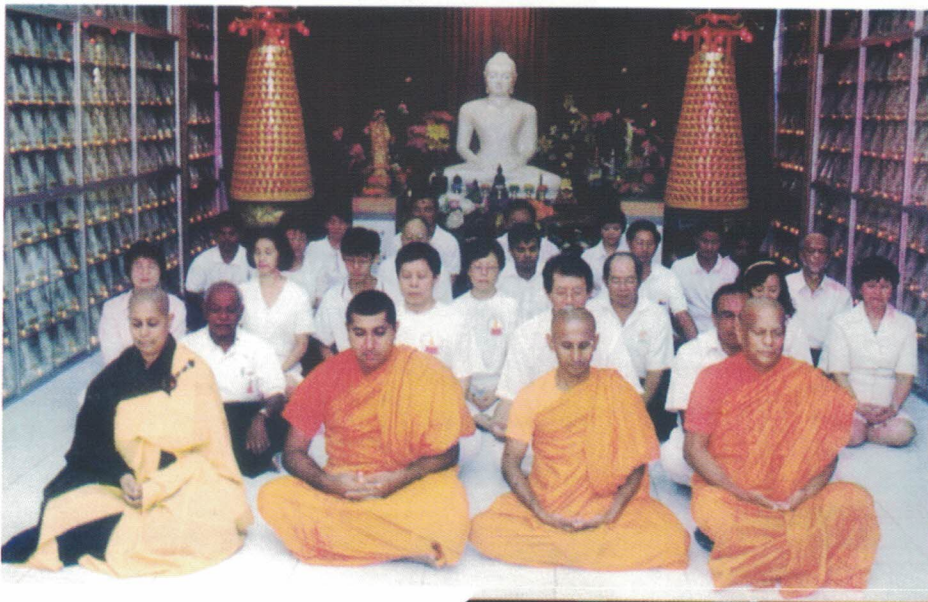
Mr. Kenny Chan participating in chanting.



Wheelchair being presented to a disabled Sri Lankan lady, by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



At the assembly held on the conclusion of the Exposition of Relics at Phor Kark See Temple, Singapore.



Devotees meditating in the Meditation Hall at SBMC premises.



Senior citizens taking dinner at the celebration of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero's birthday.



Devotees make offerings to sacred relics, under the direction of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and Rev. Sunanda.



Devotees from SBMC visit Jayanthi Viharaya, in Sri Lanka. Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and the Chief Incumbent of the Viharaya receiving visitors.



Welcome procession for devotees from Singapore, during their visit to Sri Lanka



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero at House Blessing.



Visitors at SBMC book-exhibition.



Devotees participating in a religious ceremony at SBMC premises.



A religious service at No. 1, Jalan Mas Puteh, conducted by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero presenting a copy of "Treasury of Truth – Illustrated Dhammapada" to Mr. Kumanayake.



Robes being offered to Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and other reverend monks, at an annual Robe-Offering ceremony.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero and Ven. Seck Kwan Sheng, Abbot of Phor Kark See Temple, shaving the heads of young ones, before they are ordained.

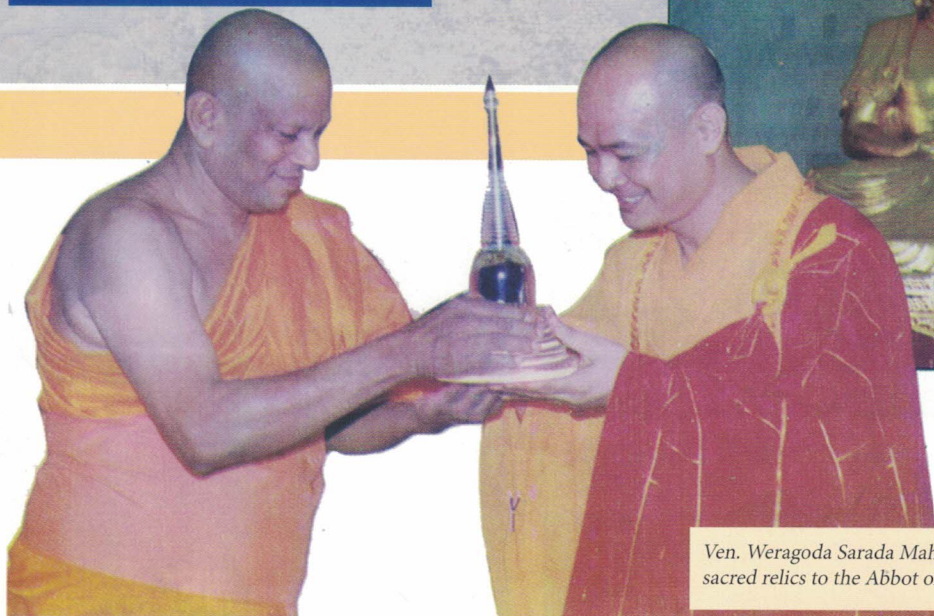


Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, giving moral instructions to young ones who are about to be ordained.



The newly ordained novice monks receiving their requisites.

EXPOSITION OF SACRED RELICS

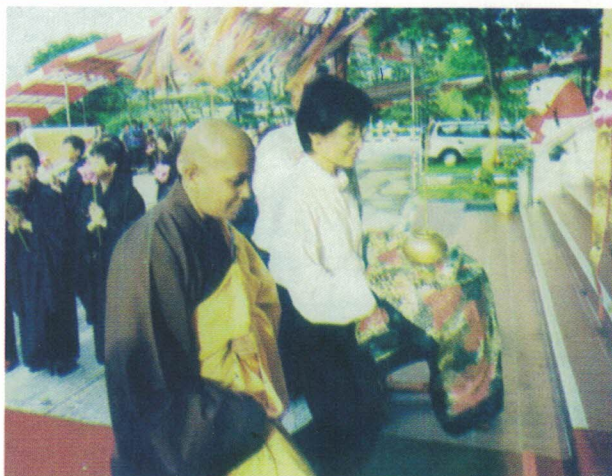


Caskets containing the Sacred Relics, being displayed in front of the Buddha.

Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero, hands over casket containing sacred relics to the Abbot of Phor Khark See Temple.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero holding the casket containing Sacred Relics.



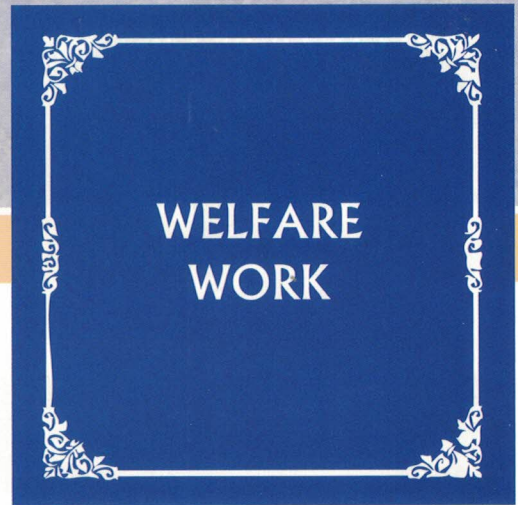
The sacred Bo-Sapling being brought in procession to be ceremonially planted in the premises of Phor Kark See Temple to commemorate the Relics Exposition. Rev. Sunanda and Ms. Ann Lee are in the foreground.



Exposition of the Sacred Bo-Sapling, Relics and other holy objects.



Rev. Sunanda, of SBMC, distributing school uniforms to needy children in Sri Lanka.



This group photograph was taken after the relics exposition at Kong Meng San Phor Khark See Temple. More than 150,000 devotees grace the occasion



Sri Lankan receiving scholarship from SBMC member.



Children who benefit from Foster Parent Project of the SBMC, pose with their Foster Parents from Singapore, when they visited Sri Lanka.



A fund was launched to enable a disabled soldier to receive medical treatment in Singapore. Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero initiated this welfare.



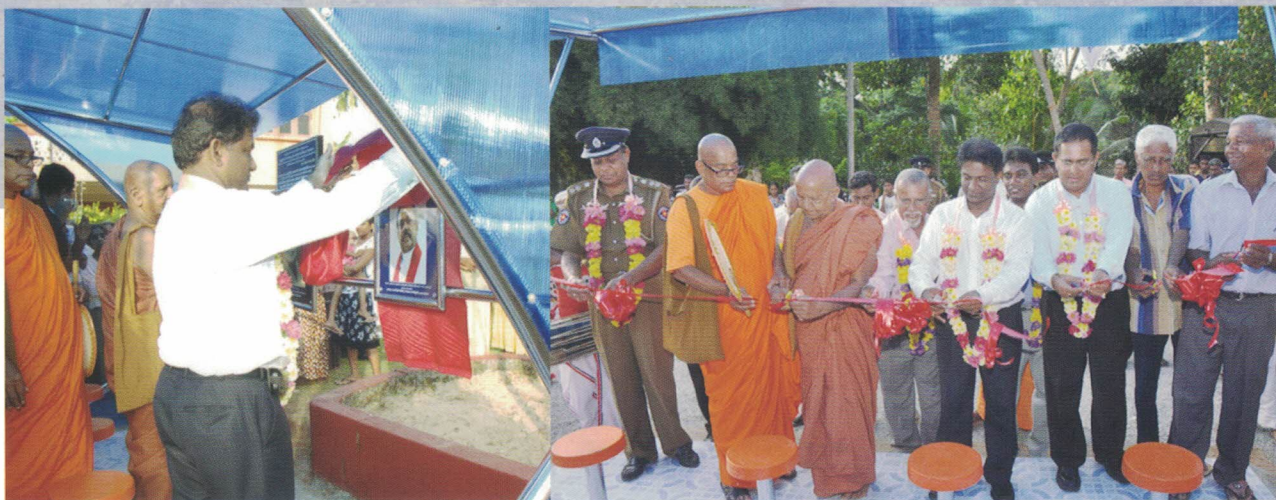
Hon. Ranil Wickramasinghe, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, ceremonially declared open the K. Sri Dhammananda Senior Citizens' Home in Sri Lanka. This Home was set up through the initiative of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero, with generous assistance from Singapore devotees.



Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero donating a wheelchair to a disabled person.



Presentation of gifts to children at Jayanthi Vihara Buddhist Temple, Weragoda, Sri Lanka.



Hon. Thilanga Sumatipala, MP ceremonially opened the modern bus-shelter near Jayanthi Vihara, constructed with the generous funds provided by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero



Hon. Thilanga Sumatipala M.P. releases a calf from slaughter.

Hon. Thilanga Sumatipala M.P. presents Scholarship to student



Ms Jessica Tay, Vice President, SBMC presents gifts to students in Sri Lanka.

A calf is released from slaughter by Ms. Jessica Tay, Vice President SBMC and Ven. Sunanda and the daughter of Ms. Jesscia Tay are in this picture



Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Maha Thero giving a wheelchair.



Gifts are presented to children by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero. Ven. Meetiyagoda Gunananda Nayaka Maha Thero, Incumbent, Jayanthi Vihara, was associated with this event.



Donation of a wheelchair to a disabled person.

CELEBRATING SBMC 25TH ANNIVERSARY 2004



Lighting of auspicious lamp by the President of SBMC, Ms Ann Lee



Cake-cutting ceremony in celebration of the 25th Anniversary of SBMC. From left: Ven. Dr. K. Assaji, Ven. Shi Fa Zhao, Ven. Sarada, Ms Anne Lee, Mr Ho Kah Leong, HE Ambassador of Thailand, Mr Thakur Phanit, HE High Commissioner for Sri Lanka Mr Ajit Jayaratne, Dr. Athari, Mr Ee Fook Choy and Mr Dennis Wang

SPEECHES BY GUESTS-OF-HONOUR



Ven. Shi Fa Zhao, Abbot of Golden Pagoda Buddhist Temple (Singapore)



Mr Ho Kah Leong



Mr Thakur Phanit, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Thailand



Mr Ajit Jayaratne, High Commissioner for Sri Lanka

CELEBRATING SBMC 25TH ANNIVERSARY 2006



Book launch in conjunction with the 25th anniversary celebration

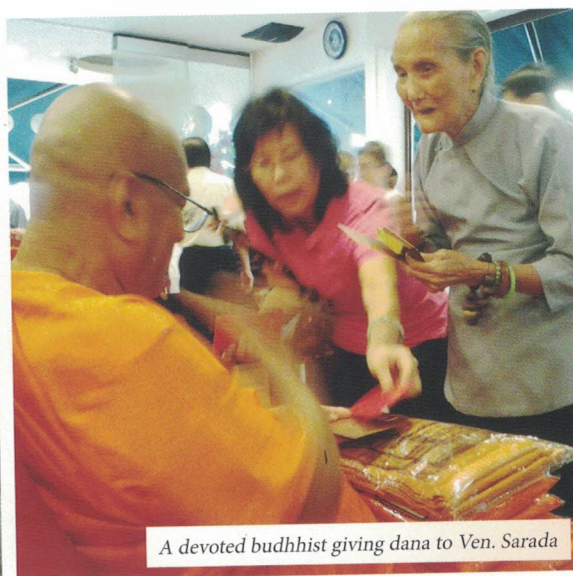


Ven. Sarada receiving a gift from Ven. Shi Fa Zhao

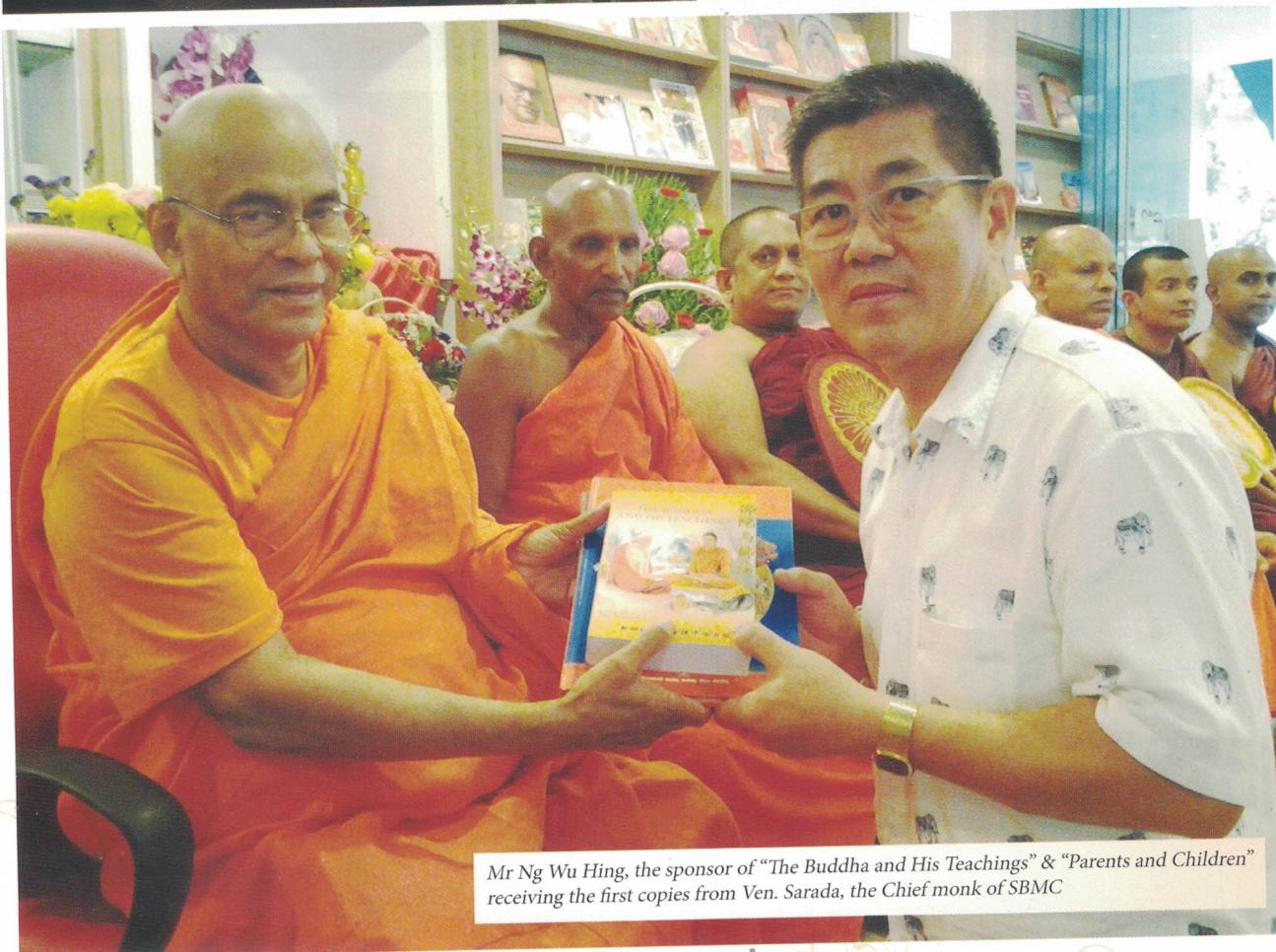
SBMC ROBE- OFFERING CEREMONY 2012



Devotees awaiting the arrival of Ven. monks



A devoted budhhist giving dana to Ven. Sarada



Mr Ng Wu Hing, the sponsor of "The Buddha and His Teachings" & "Parents and Children" receiving the first copies from Ven. Sarada, the Chief monk of SBMC

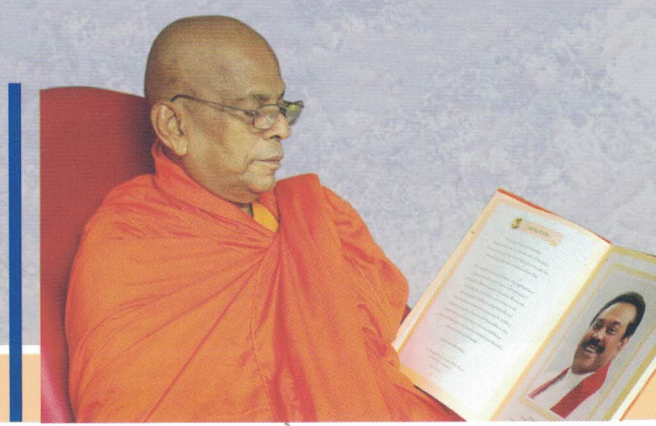
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The building....



Procession to welcome the guests



School children waiting at the gate for the guests arrival

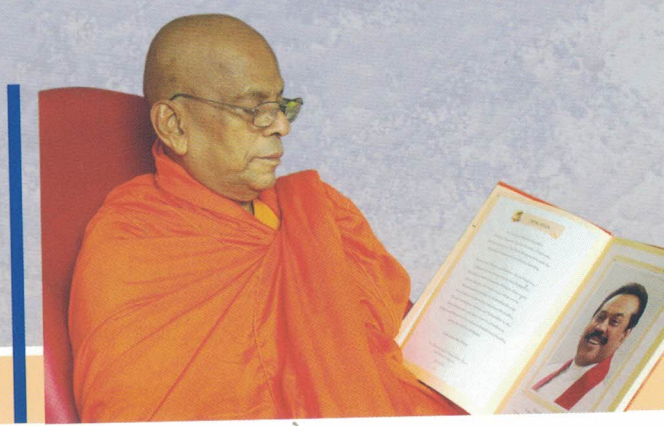


Welcoming the guests....

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Making offering to the Buddha at Jayanthi Viharaya Weragoda



Opening ceremony...

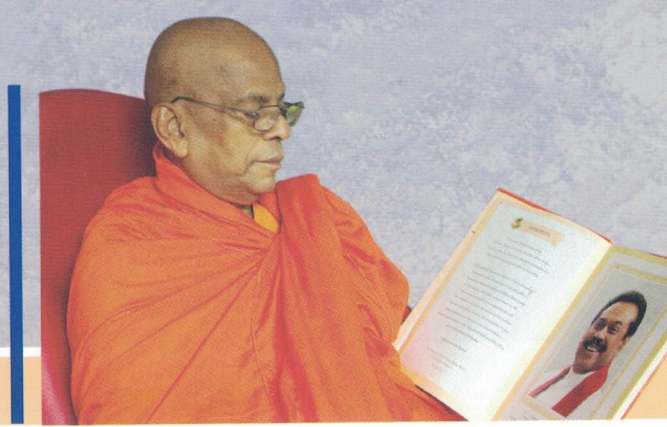
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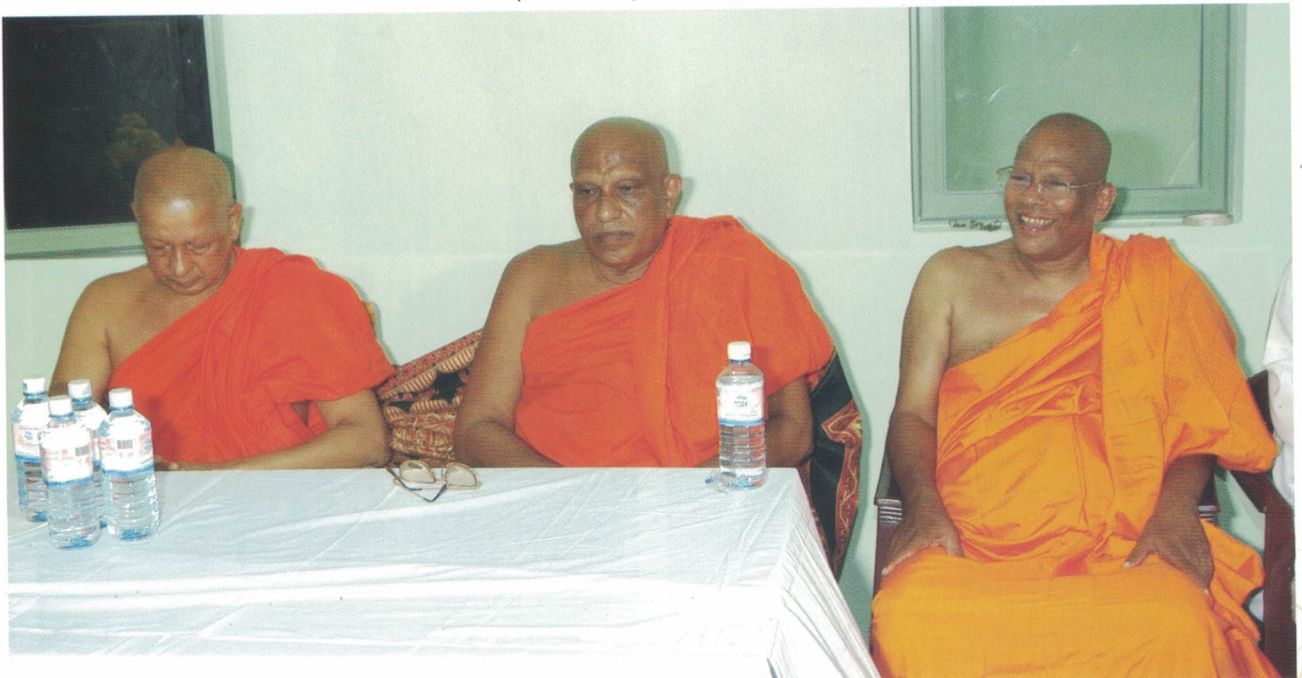
Ven. Sarada opening the door to the computer centre



Invited guests..

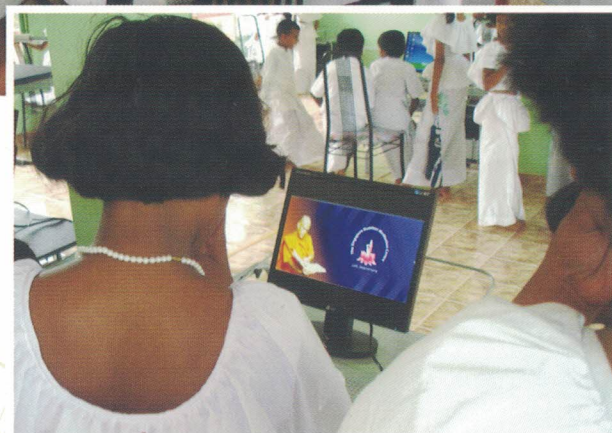


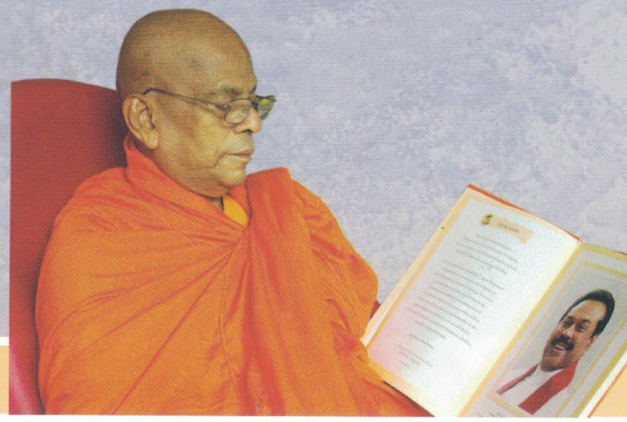
Honorable Minister Piyasena Gamage addressing the opening ceremony.....



Ven. Galaboda Gnanissara Maha Thero, Ven., with the host, Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero

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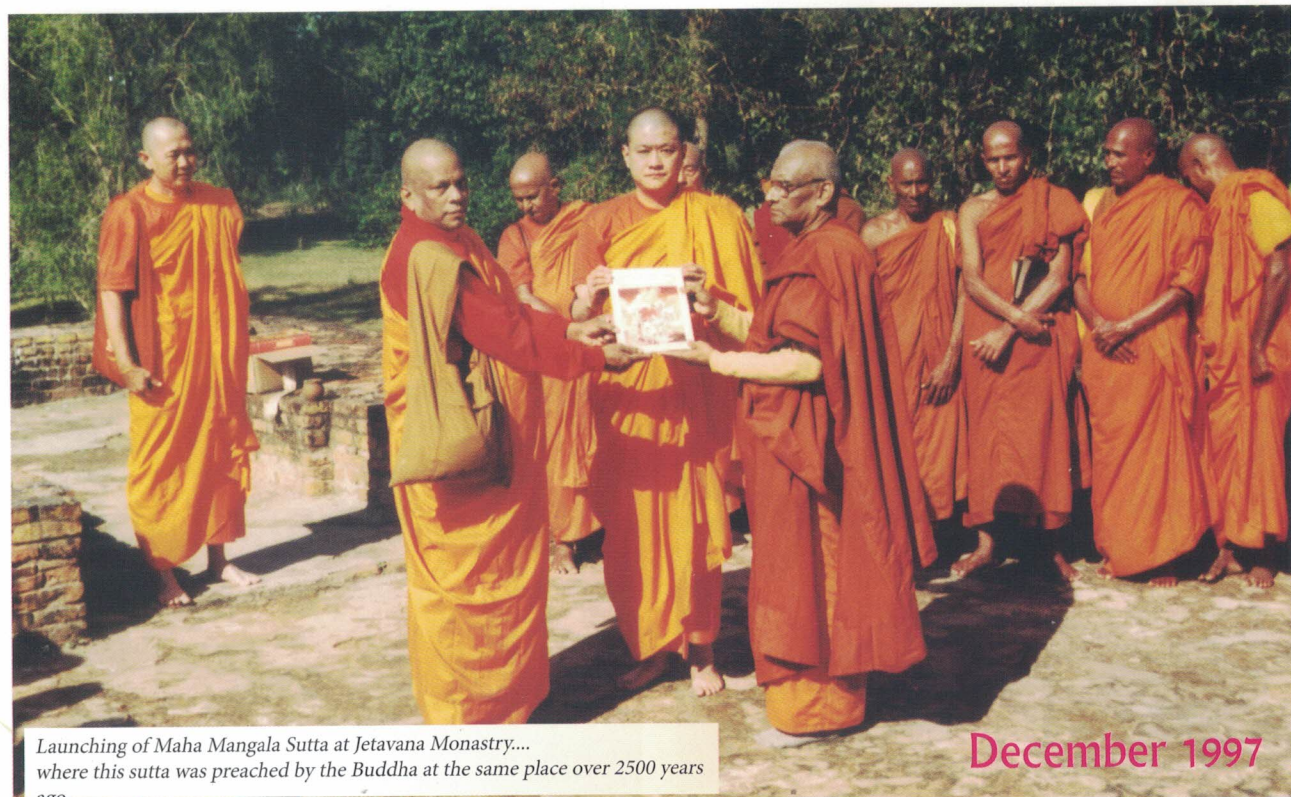
Rev. Sunanda giving guidance to the children.



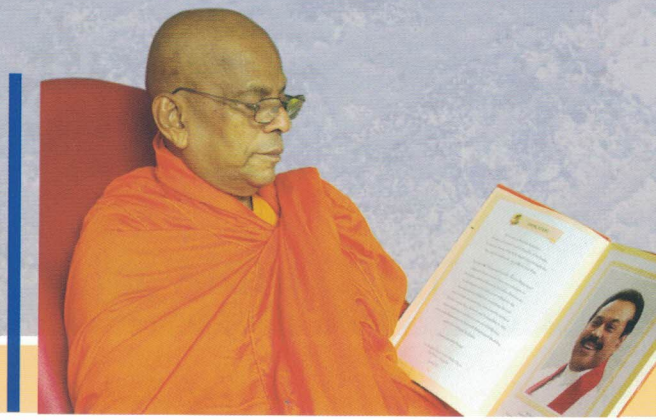
TOUR TO INDIA 1997



Group photo of Singapore devotees (temporary ordination of the male devotees and observance of ten precepts by the female devotees) during the India Pilgrimage trip

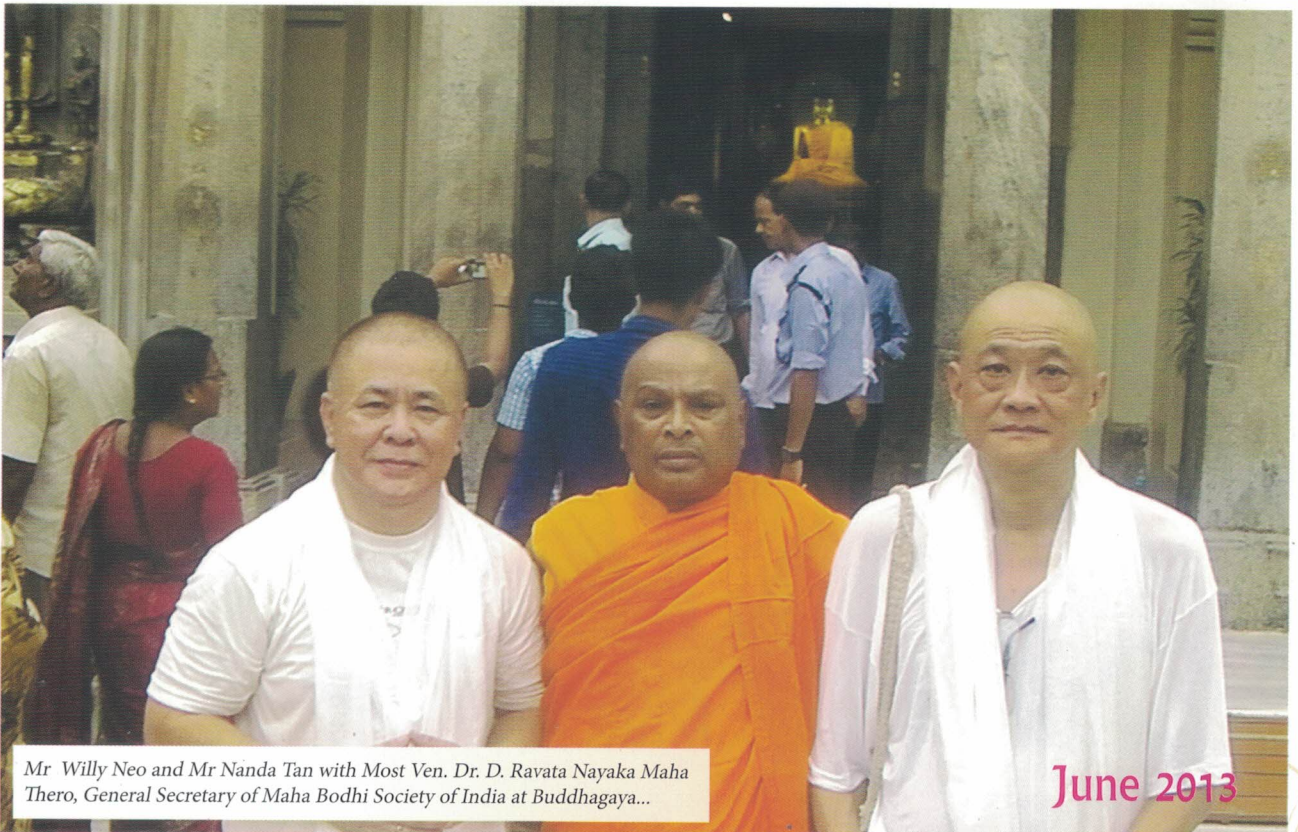


Launching of Maha Mangala Sutta at Jetavana Monastery... where this sutta was preached by the Buddha at the same place over 2500 years ago



Meditation session at Buddhagaya after the ordination ceremony.
Extreme Right : Mr Koh Beng Tee, the present president of SBMC

December 1997



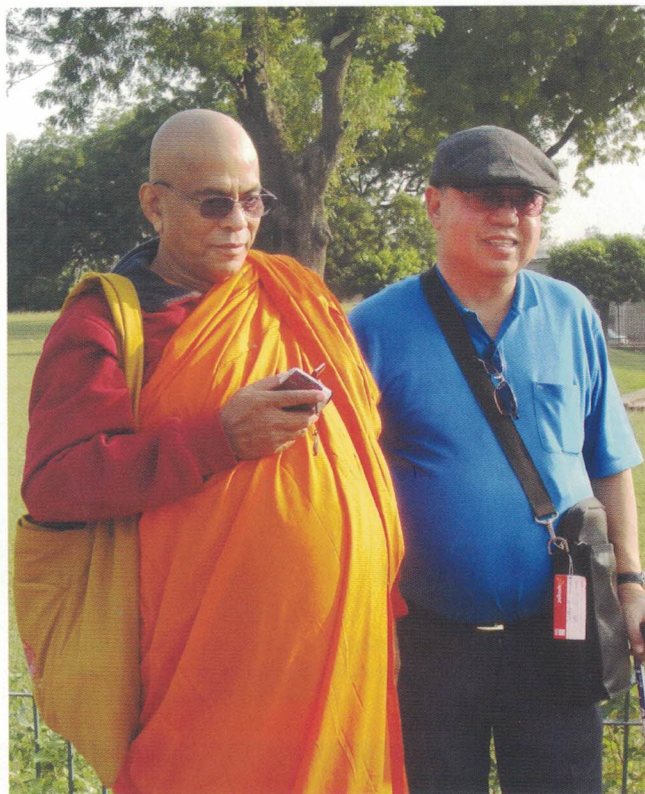
Mr Willy Neo and Mr Nanda Tan with Most Ven. Dr. D. Ravata Nayaka Maha Thero, General Secretary of Maha Bodhi Society of India at Buddhagaya...

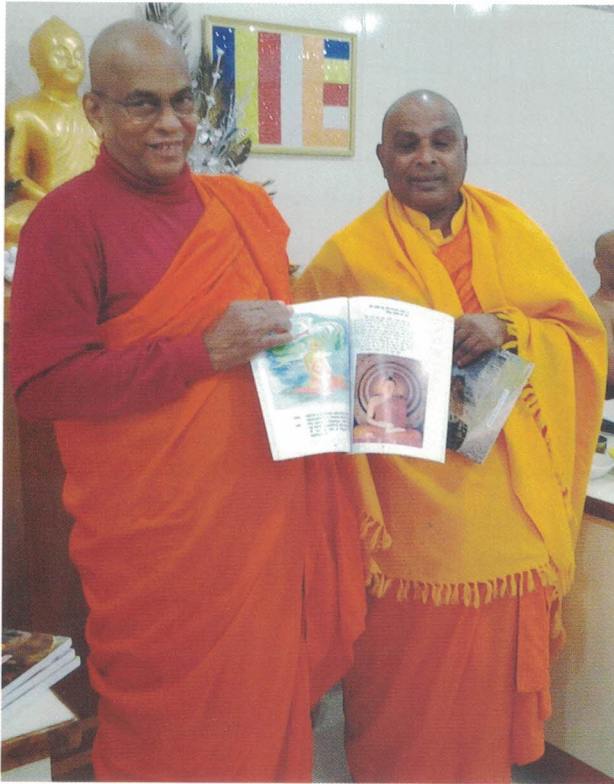
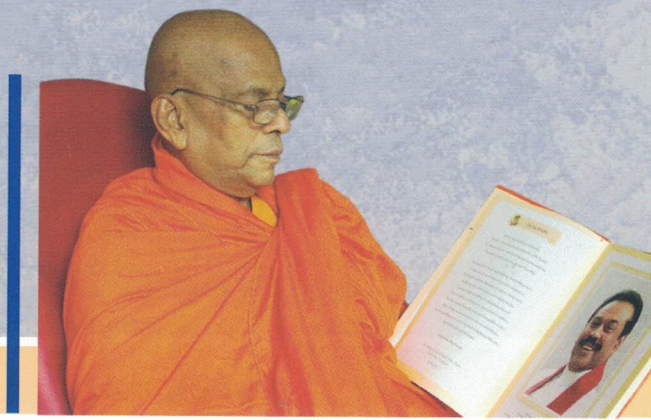
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TOUR TO INDIA 2012



Holy Places visited during the pilgrimage tour





Presentation of Hindi version of Dhammapada - Treasury of Truth by Most Ven. Dr. Revata, General Secretary of Maha Bodhi Society of India to Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero, the original author of Dhammapada.

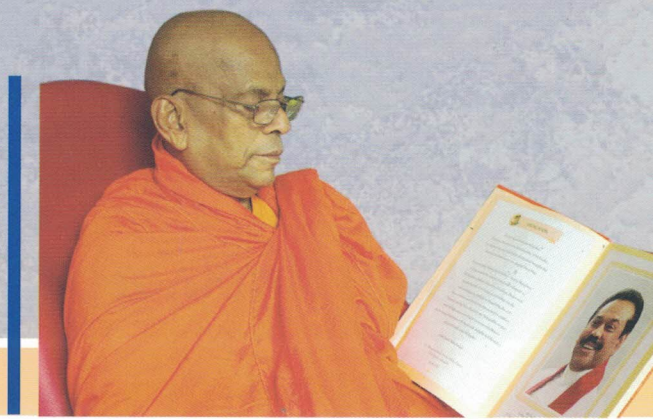


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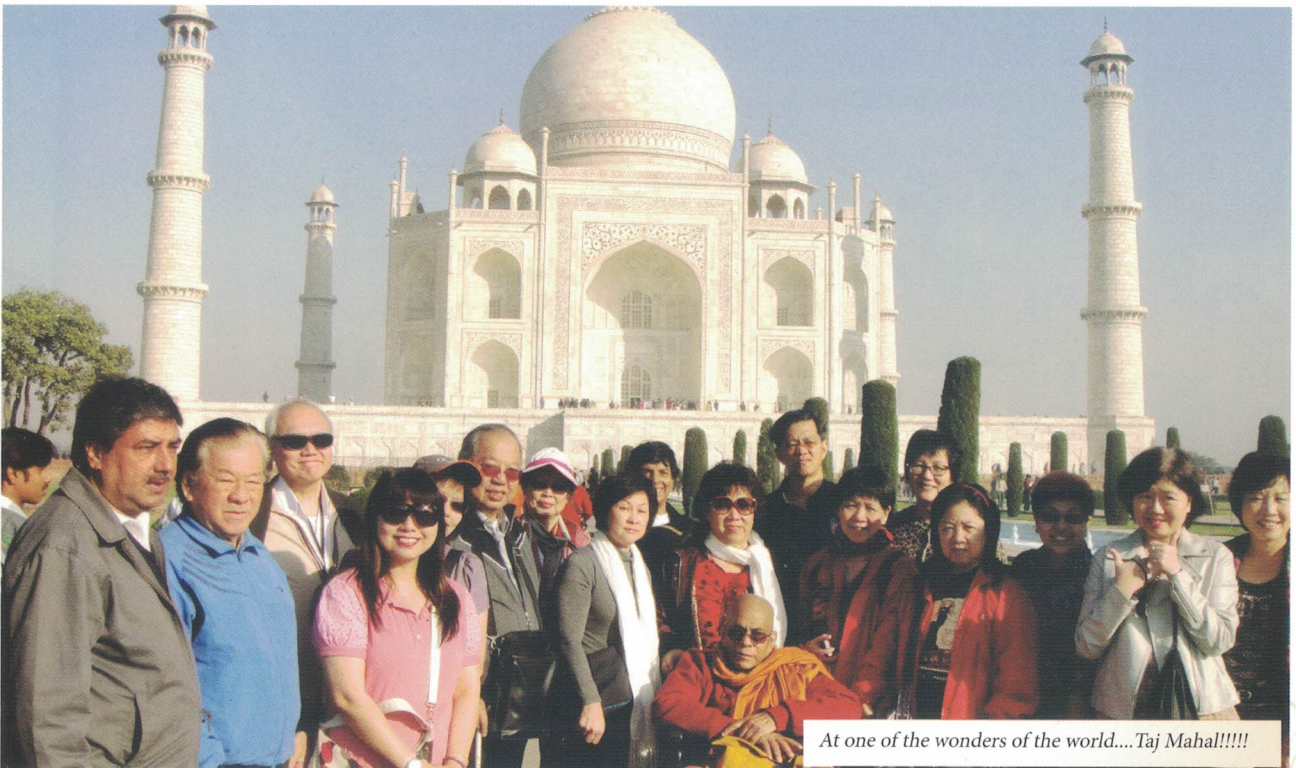


At the welcome ceremony....





Chanting led by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero



At one of the wonders of the world....Taj Mahal!!!!

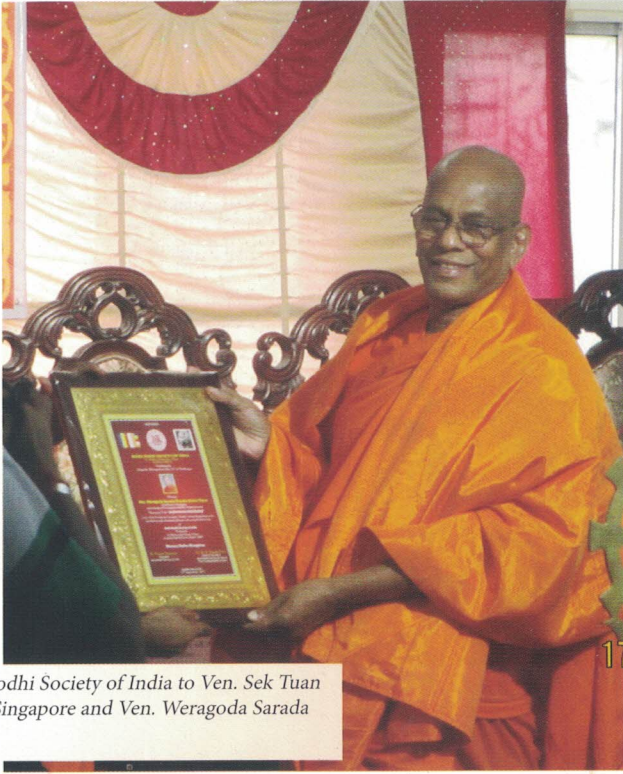
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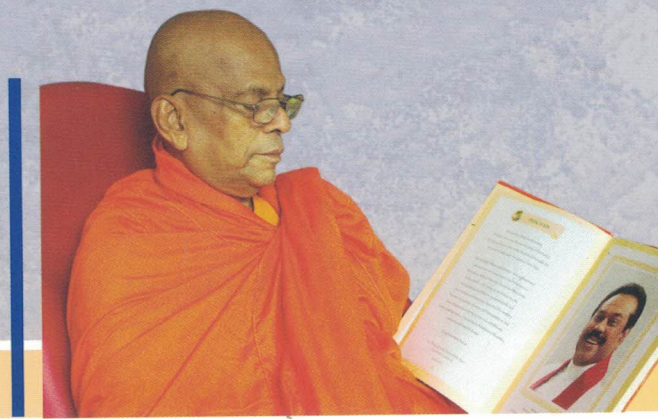


Pilgrimage tour to India in 2013 organised by Pu Ti Buddhist Temple - Group photo taken at Singapore Changi Airport



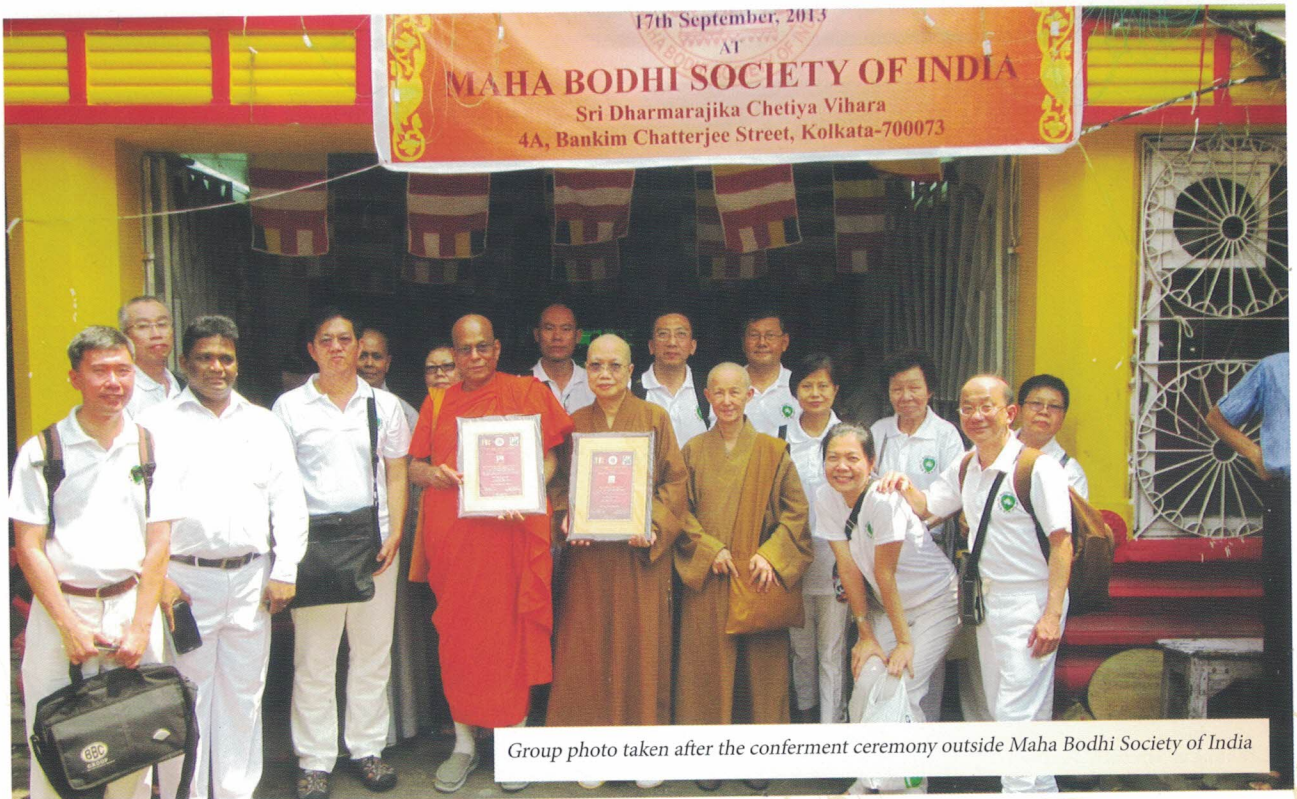
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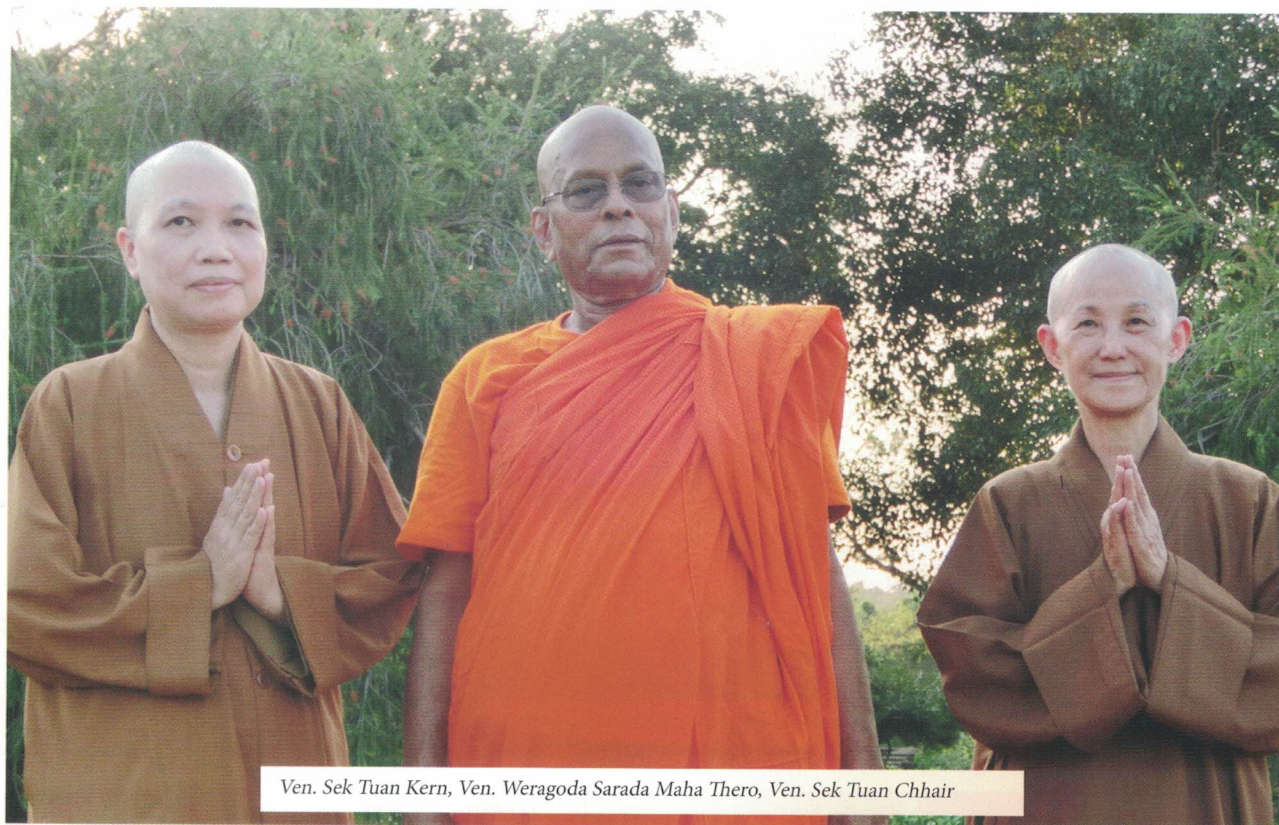
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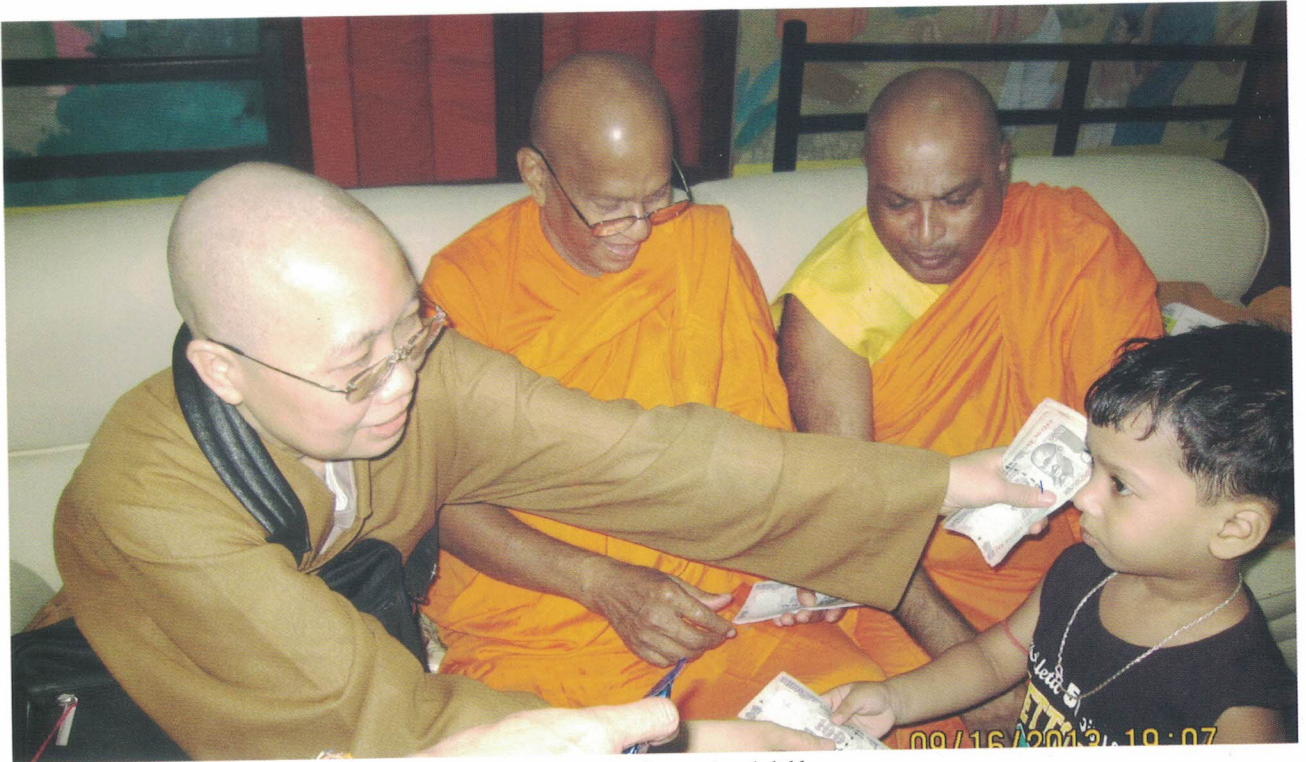
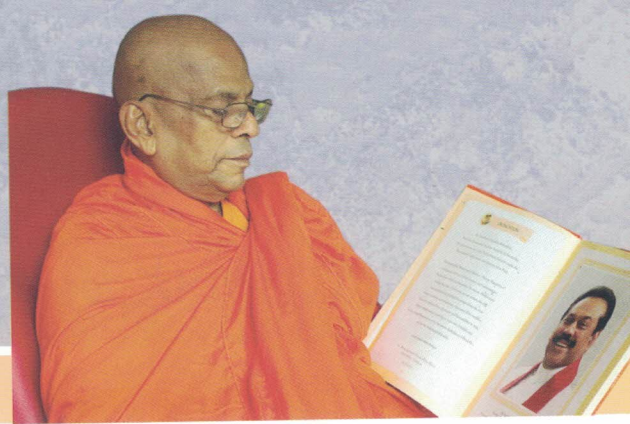
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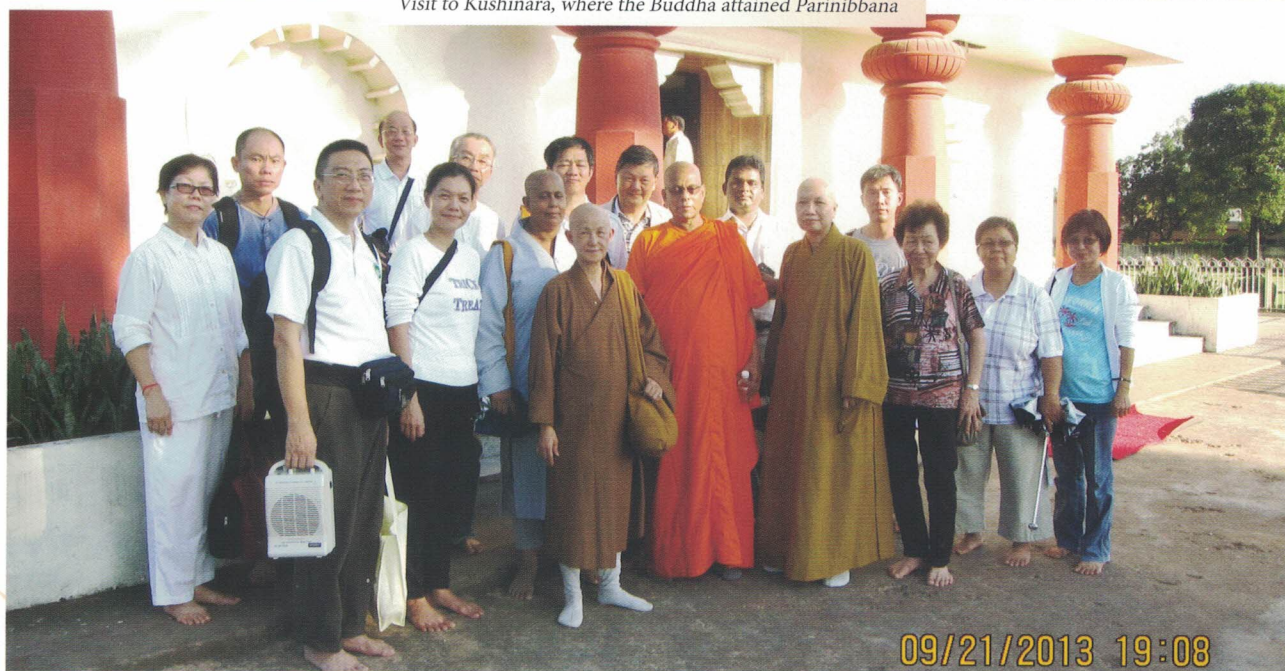
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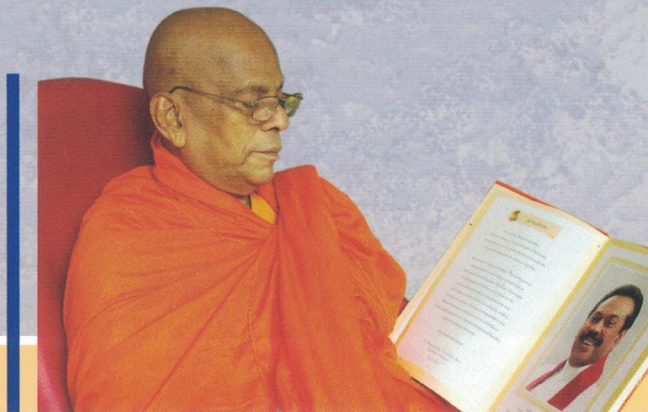
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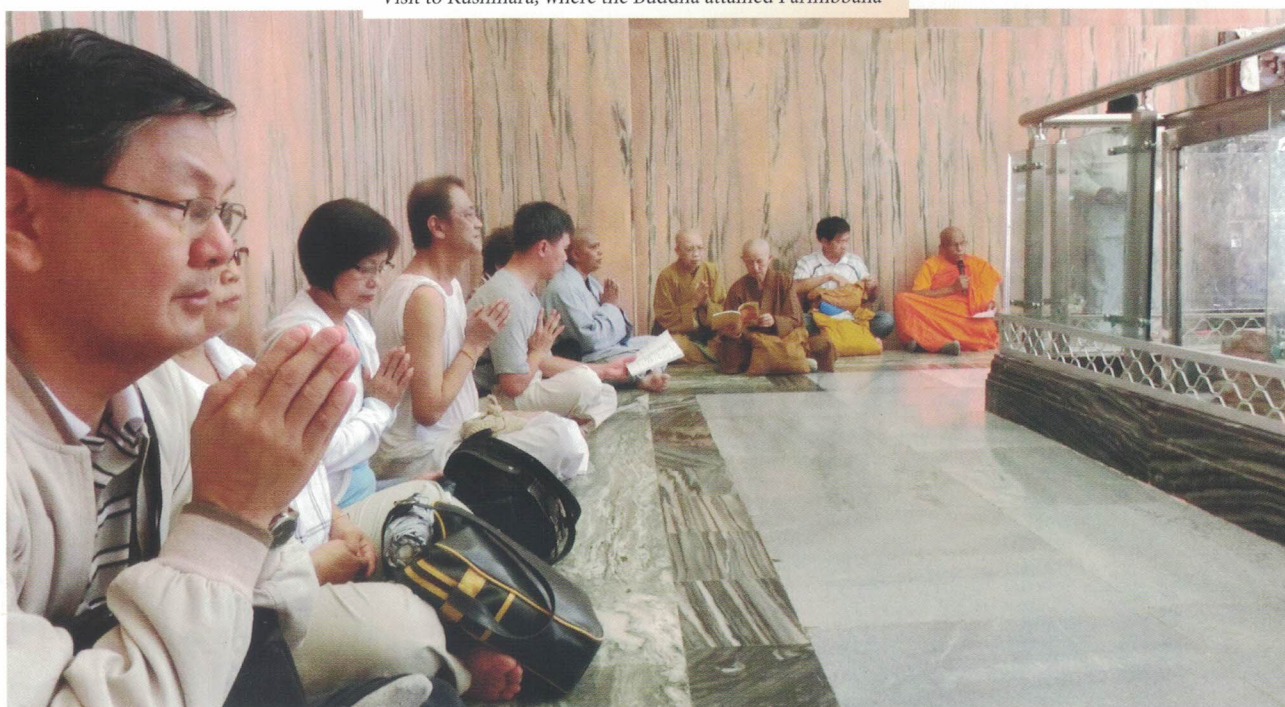
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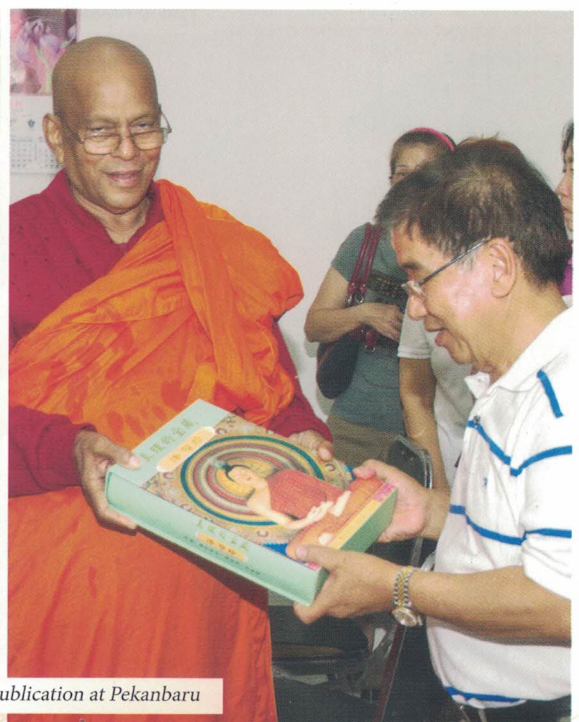
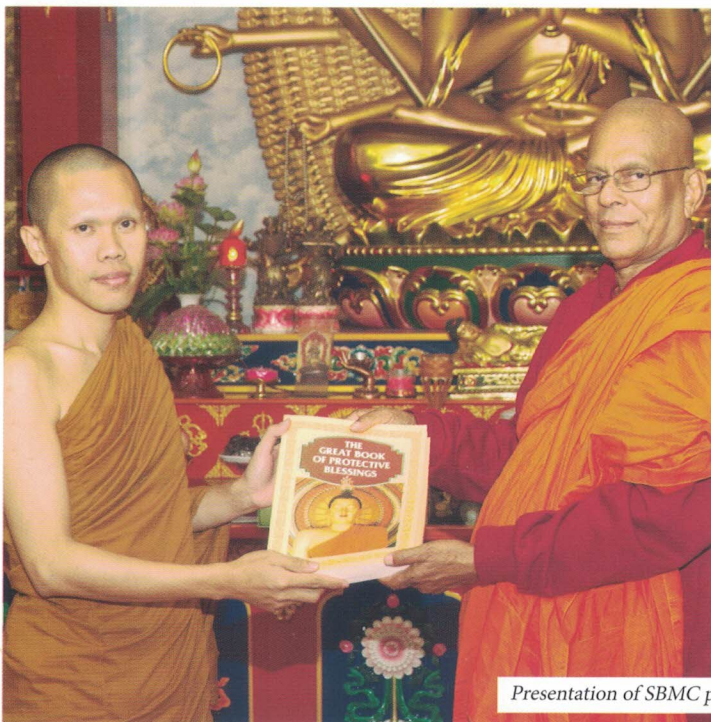
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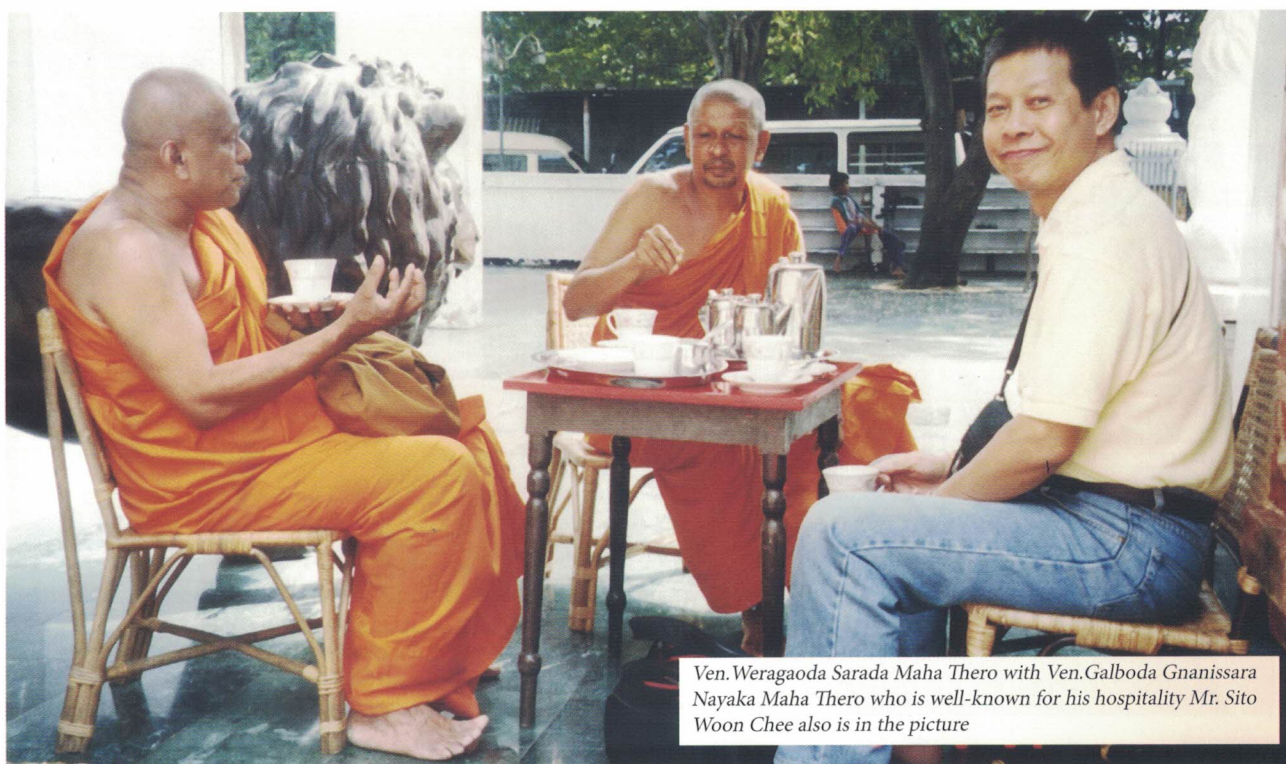
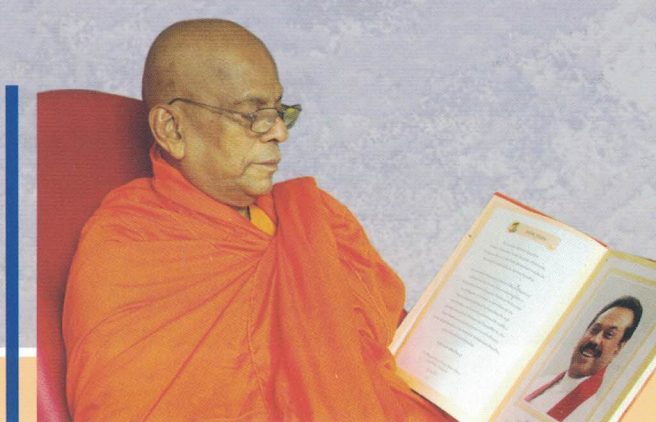


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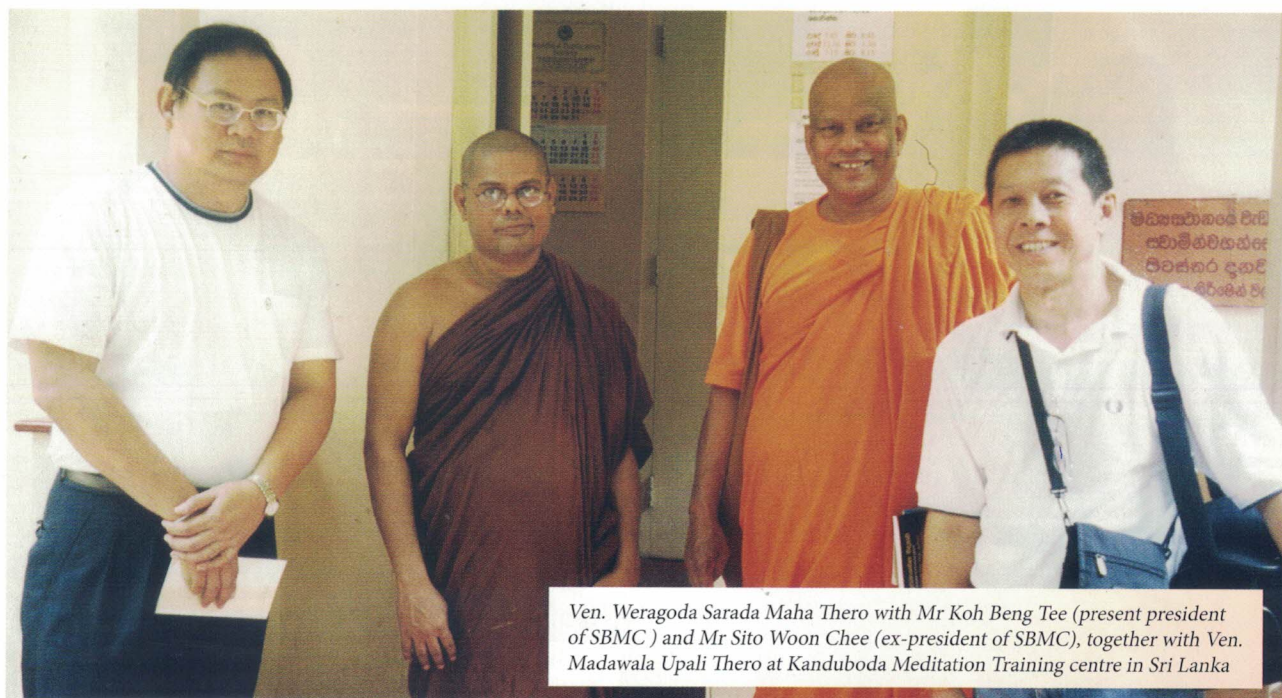


Ven. Weragaoda Sarada Maha Thero with Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Nayaka Maha Thero who is well-known for his hospitality Mr. Sito Woon Chee also is in the picture



Mr Koh Beng Tee, Ven. Sarada, Mr Sito and Ms. Ang Lian Swee Sita

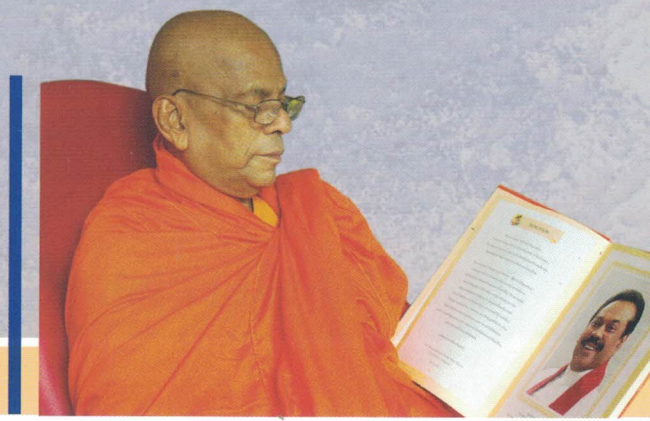
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Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero with Mr Koh Beng Tee (present president of SBMC) and Mr Sito Woon Chee (ex-president of SBMC), together with Ven. Madawala Upali Thero at Kanduboda Meditation Training centre in Sri Lanka



At Anuradhapura Jetawanaramaya.....
photo taken by Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero



At Gangarama Buddhist Temple, Colombo with the chief monk, Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Maha Thero



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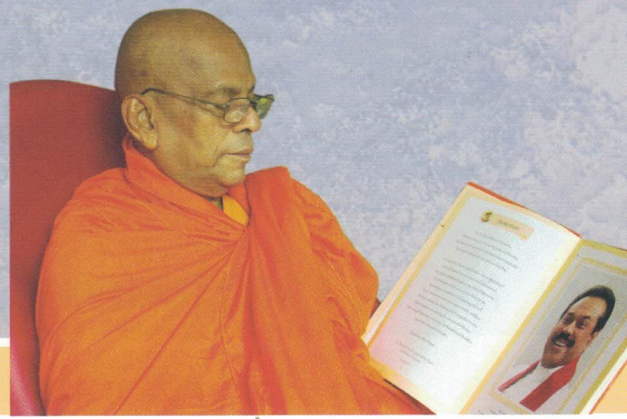
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Donating and distributing wheelchairs to disables at Jayanti Vihara, Weragoda, Meetiyaagoda



Ven. Sarada presenting his books to the Army representatives



Honourable Minister Piyasena Gamage receiving the SMBC Buddhist publications from Venerable Weragoda Sarada



*Honourable Minister Piyasena Gamage declared the opening of the Computer Centre, admiring the big screen
From left : Ven. Sunanda, Mr Daya Samarasinghe, Ven. Sarada and Ven. Thiniyawala Palita Maha Thero*

DOWN THE MEMORY LANE.....IN MALAYSIA



This picture reflects the historical event of the inauguration of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero's foreign Dharma-duta mission by starting a Sunday Pali School in Penang, Malaysia. He has the honour of publishing his first book entitled Reflection on Death specially designed for the chanting class conducted in Mahindarama Buddhist Temple in Penang.

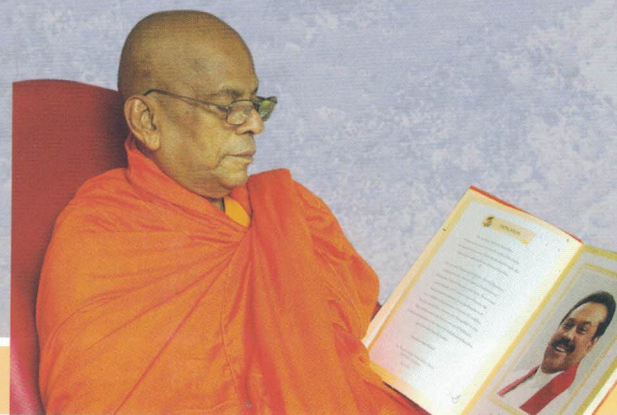


This picture reminds the arrival of Ven. Weragoda Sarada Maha Thero in his young age with Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Nayaka Maha Thero at Mahindarama Buddhist Temple in Penang with the invitation of Ven. Attudawe Upananda Nayaka Maha Thero.

From Left: Ven. Attudawe Upananda Nayaka Maha Thero (Chief Monk), Ven. Paraduwa Pamaratana Maha Thero, Ven. Pinnagoda Sumanatissa Maha Thero, Ven. Galboda Gnanissara Nayaka Maha Thero and Ven. Weragoda Sarada Nayaka Maha Thero

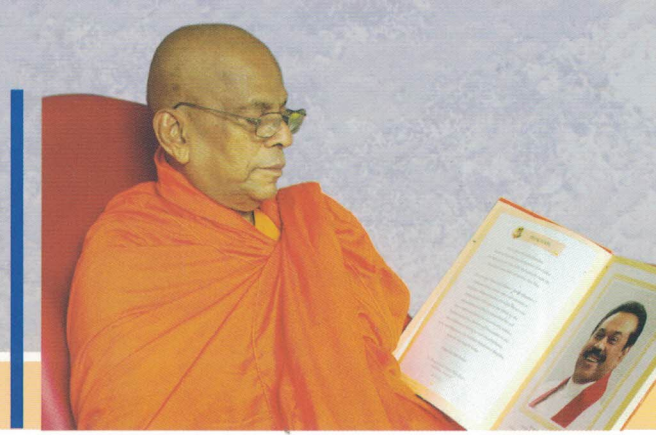


*Members of the Maha Sangha whose voices were heard in the first Buddhist long-play record on Buddhist Sutta Chanting, 1972.
Seated (L-R) Ven. Upananda, Ven. M. Mahavira, Ven. P. Pamaratana, Ven. Dr. K. Sri Dhammananda Nayaka Maha Thero.
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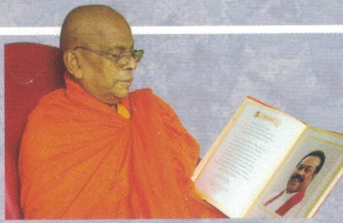




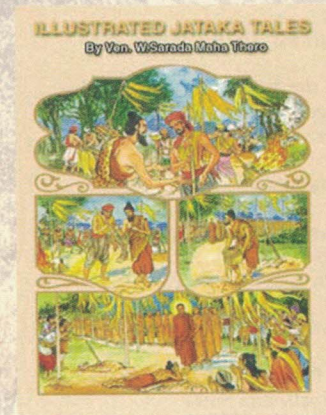
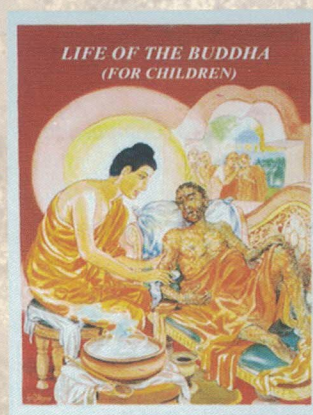
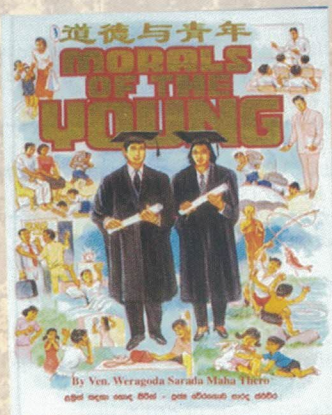
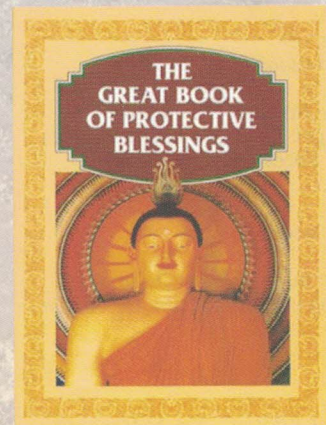
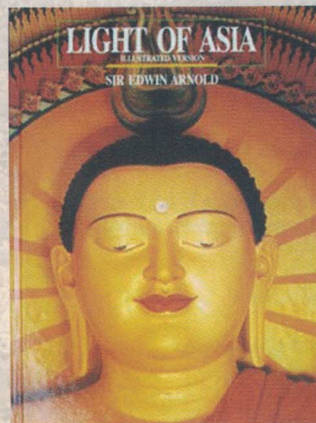
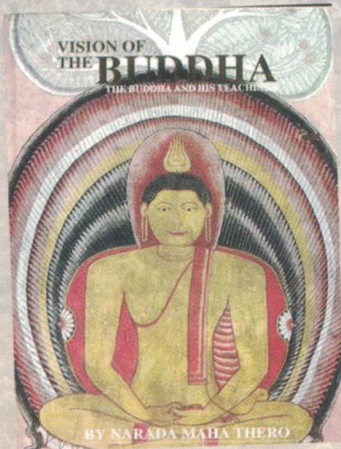
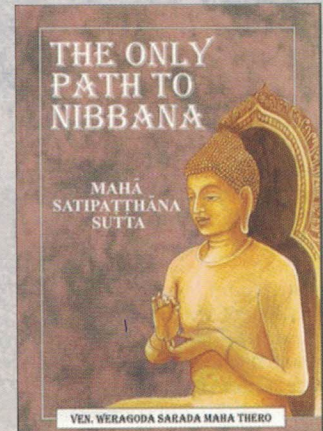
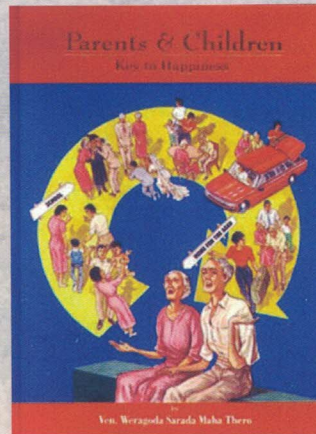
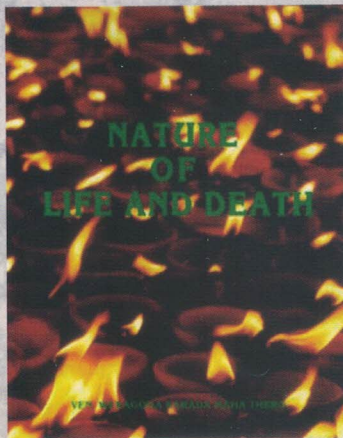
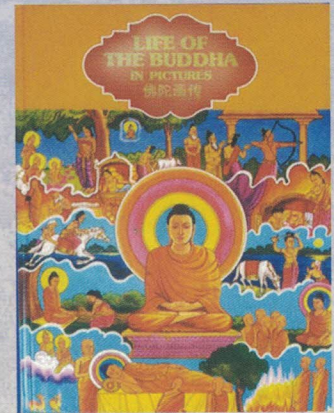
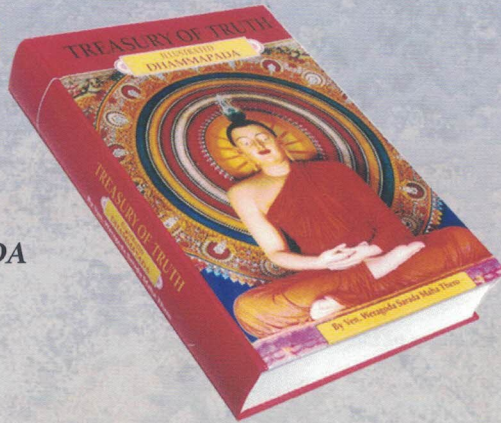
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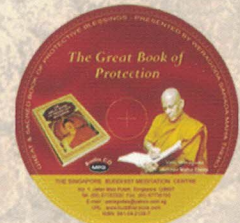
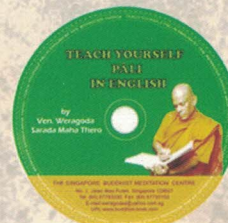
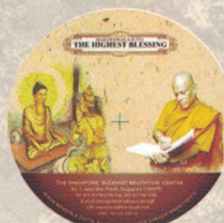
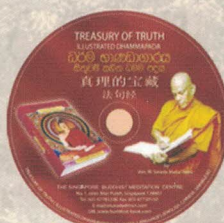
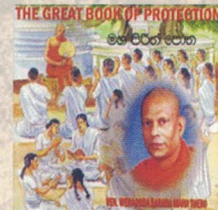
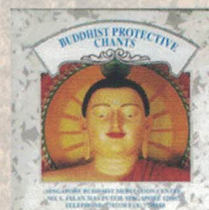
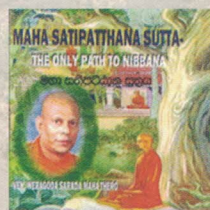
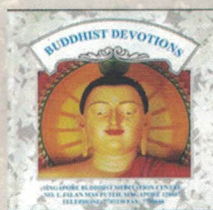
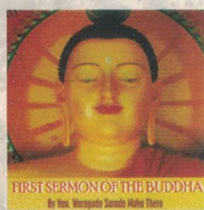
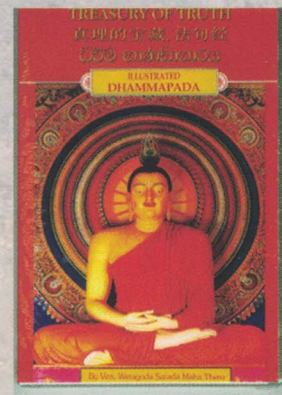
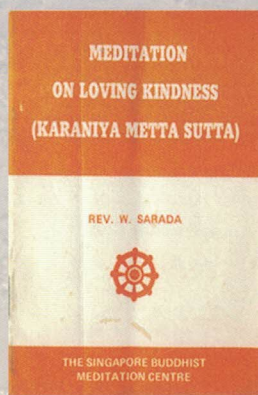
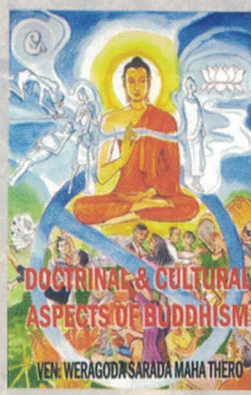
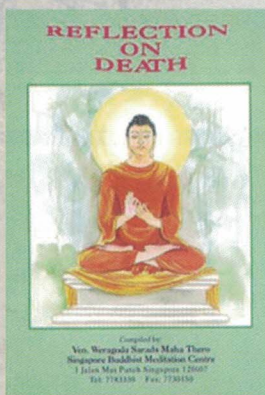
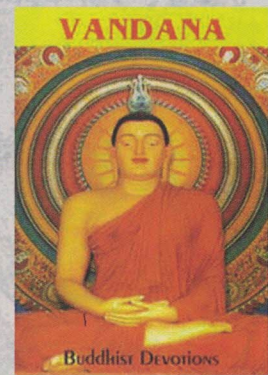
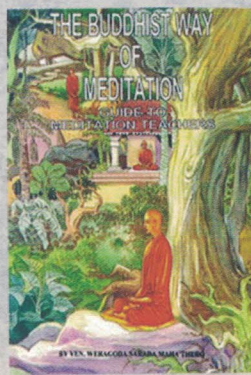
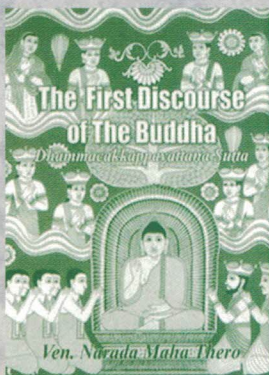
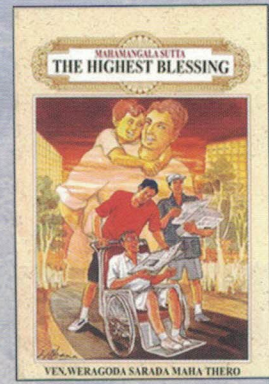
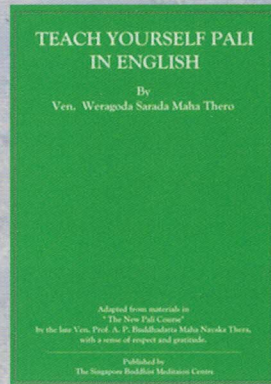
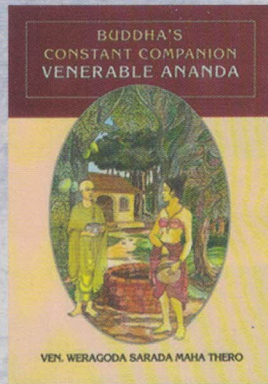
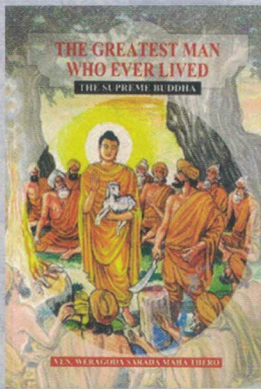


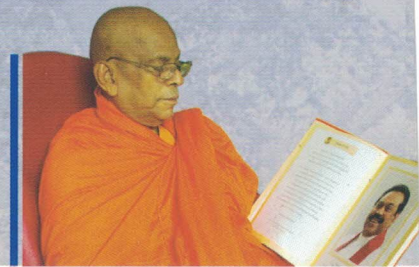
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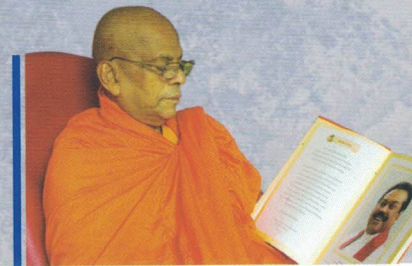
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Buddhist teachings told in fully illustrated book

THE first fully illustrated English translation of Buddhist teachings was launched in Singapore yesterday by Mr Ho Kah Leong, Senior Parliamentary Secretary (Environment).

The 900-page, hard-cover book contains all 423 verses or stanzas of Buddhist teachings, each of which is illustrated with specially commissioned full-colour paintings.

The launch and presentation ceremony of the book, *The Treasury of Truth - The Dhammapada*, was held at the Dragon Gate restaurant at the World Trade Centre.

Each concept of Buddhist teaching is told by way of a story. In the book, each story, an explanatory verse and a commentary are on one page, while the accompanying illustration is on the facing page.

The verses are contained in 26 chapters, which cover subjects such as the mind, wisdom, the saints, evil, pun-

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ishment, self and the world.

The full-colour illustrations are the work of well-known Sri Lankan artist P. Wickramanayaka. He was assisted by another artist, Mr K. Wijayakeerthi, also from Sri Lanka.

Mr Ho described the publication as one of the most ambitious projects ever undertaken in the history of Buddhism here, one that has won the praise of Buddhist leaders elsewhere.

He said that the venerable Ananda Maitreya Maha Nayaka Thero, the patriarch of Buddhism in Sri Lanka, has described this publication as a great

contribution to literature on Buddhism.

According to Mr Ho, the monk said that the book will profit not only the contemporary world but also the generations to come.

The publication is the work of the Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre and is written by the Venerable W. Sarada Maha Thero, the chief monk of the centre.

The cover of the book shows a picture of the statue of the Buddha in the Image House of Jayanthi Viharaya, arguably one of the most beautiful and serene looking of Buddha images ever constructed.

Mr Ho said that the illustrations and the accompanying commentaries will lead to a better understanding of the Dhammapada.

Over the past decade, the Singapore Buddhist Meditation Centre has published and circulated over 70 titles on Buddhism.



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